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PERFECT EDITION

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KARATE

RAAAAAH

BUDOKAN

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KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURN

WEE-WOO WEE-WOO

WEE-WOO WEE-WOO

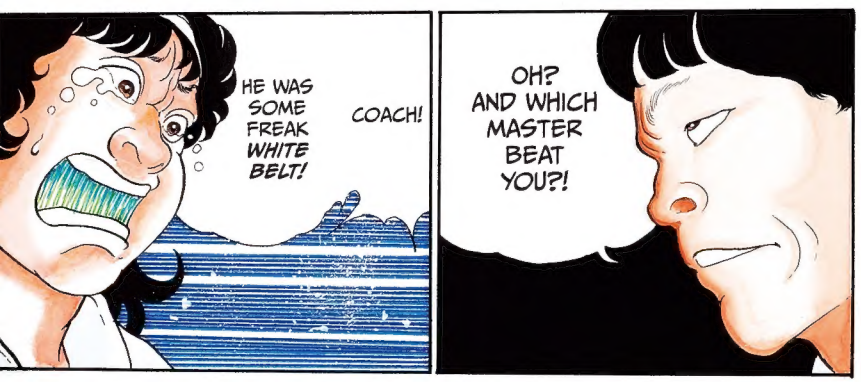
BURN 'EM, URA!

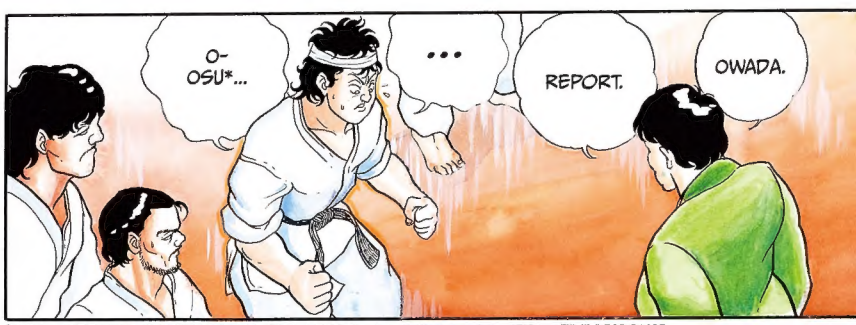
DO IT FOR YOUR HOMETOWN OKAWA, NAKANISHI, NISHIKAWA

GO!

KARATE

#1 His Name is Baki!





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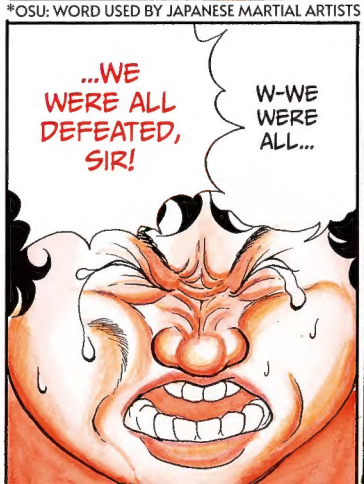


THE GRAPPLER
BAKI

KRAK
大和田
THE SPECTATORS KNOW THAT...
...YOUR BELT COLOR SHOWS YOUR SKILL LEVEL!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOUR EXCUSES ARE...
...THE CROWD STILL SAW WHAT HAPPENED.
GRIT...

THEY SAW SOME BOY WITH A WHITE BELT...

...COMPLETELY DESTROY OUR *SHINSHINKAI KARATE!!!*

PLUS, YOU ALL LOST BY K.O.!

B-BUT, COACH, WE—

TELL ME, HOW THE HELL DID THIS HAPPEN—

TMP

BUT NOTHING!

WHAT ABOUT THE DIRECTOR AND US SENIOR DISCIPLES ?!

HA

KEH HEH HEH HEH HEH.

末堂

ALL THE BLOOD AND SWEAT WE SHED FOR OUR UNDEFEATED STREAK!

HA HA HA

HEH HEH

I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE AND LISTEN TO THIS.

LOOM...

YOU'VE NEVER EVEN ***BEEN*** IN A MATCH AGAINST SOMEONE FROM OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL!

YOU SHED BLOOD AND SWEAT?

KRIK...

KRIK...

S-SUEDO!

WHO HAVE YOU *EVER* BEATEN, REALLY?

DO YOU HONESTLY THINK YOU COULD BEAT THAT BOY?

HE'S WON EVERY MATCH BY *K.O.!*

WELL, THEN DO *YOU* HAVE A PLAN FOR HIM?!

SO HAVE I!

AND HE GOT MOST OF THOSE KNOCKOUTS WITH JUST *ONE STRIKE!*

UNLIKE THESE HOPELESS LOSERS THAT YOU'VE BEEN COACHING!
HEH HEH HEH.
!
Y'SEE, COMPARED TO THAT BOY...
...NONE OF YOU HAVE GOT WHAT IT TAKES! NONE!
...
IF THERE'S ANYONE IN SHINSHINKAI THAT CAN BEAT HIM...
KREE...
...IT'S ME!
1.5L

BWCH

HEH HEH... THEN AGAIN, HE AIN'T EXACTLY A SPRING CHICKEN NOWADAYS.

...MAYBE DIRECTOR OROCHI... I GUESS.

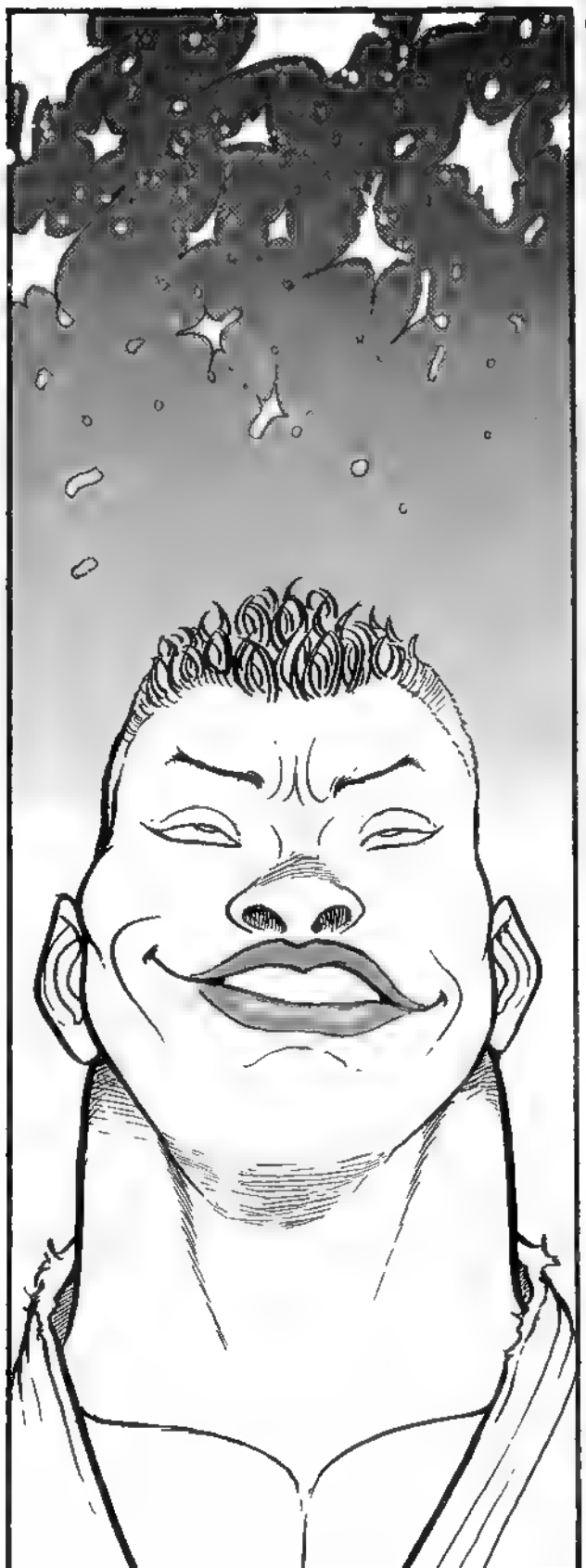
AFTER ME, THE NEXT BEST BET IS...

BINK...

BWOOP

HOW DARE YOU! DON'T TALK ABOUT THE DIRECTOR LIKE THAT!

ポヒュ BOMP



SMASH!!

SHHHHHH

...

JUST LIKE THAT BOY!!!

FROM THIS DAY ON, YOU'RE ALL WHITE BELTS!

BAAM

UGH, I CAN FEEL MYSELF GETTING *WEAKER* JUST BY BEING AROUND ALL OF YOU.

TISH

CRACK

末堂

BAKI— WRITTEN WITH THE KANJI FOR "BLADE" AND "FANG", HUH?

BAKI HANMA...

GREET-INGS!

OSU!!

OSU!

HEY.

EVEN HIS NAME SOUNDS LIKE IT'S READY TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF YOU.

(EAST) FIGHTER'S GREEN ROOM

WELL, HE'S...

OSU...

WHAT'S THE BRAT DOING?

WELL?

HAMI
OMI
MNCH
MNCH
MNCH
MNCH
OMI
HAMI
IS HE GONNA EAT THE BANANAS NOW?
PINCH...
THAT'S OJIYA...
WHOA, THOSE SCARS ...
HE'S GONNA PUKE.
HE HASN'T *STOPPED EATING* SINCE THE SEMI-FINALS.

BAKI HANMA! YOU'RE UP IN TEN MINUTES.

THE FINALS ARE AFTER THAT.

THE DIRECTOR'S EXHIBITION STARTS NOW.

OMF

MNCH

PSHH

KRIK

LOOK, HE'S WOLFING IT DOWN.

I GOTTA SEE THAT.

OH, THE DIRECTOR'S DOING A SHOW?!

SKARF

SKARF

SKARF

BURP
WOW, WHAT A PIG...
SHWOOO...
シュウウ...
GRIP...
ギュウ...
SHAKE
シャカ
シャカ
SHAKE
PMP
TSHHH

WHAT THE...
HE'S DEAD MEAT.
WOW, FLAT SODA, HUH?
THIS KID KNOWS HIS STUFF.
THEY SAY FLAT SODA IS A SUPER-EFFICIENT SOURCE OF ENERGY. SOME MARATHON RUNNERS CHUG IT BEFORE EVERY RACE.
Daiei 51
Daiei 92
Daiei 4

HE ALSO HAD THOSE BANANAS AND THAT HUGE CONTAINER OF OJIYA.

HE'S UP AGAINST *THE* SUEDO.

I GUESS THAT'S COOL BUT...

THOSE FOODS PROVIDE INSTANT ENERGY. HE EVEN ADDED UMEBOSHI TO MAKE IT ALL NUTRITIONALLY BALANCED.

ALRIGHTY ...

...HIS DIGESTION MUST BE AT *SUPERHUMAN LEVELS.*

THAT SAID, IF HE CAN TAKE IN *THAT MUCH* RIGHT BEFORE A MATCH...

AND NOW, IT'S...

...THE START OF THE MARTIAL ARTS EXHIBITION!

THE BONE BREAKER GO SATOSHI TAKAHASHI

W-WHAT'S THIS?!

IT'S A *CONCRETE PIPE!*

SHOOOOM

NOW ENTERING IS THE LEGENDARY ...

...DIRECTOR OF THE SHINSHINKAI, *MR. DOPPO OROCHI!*

FIGH

WA!

RUMOR HAS IT HE ONCE *SLAYED A TIGER* WITH JUST HIS *MIGHTY FISTS!*

OSU!

OSU!

THE LIVING LEGEND, DOPPO OROCHI!

本部 神心

HE NOW STANDS BEFORE THE PIPE!

館長

HE'S GETTING *INSIDE* THE PIPE...?!

OH MY!

HIS STUDENTS EXIT THE STAGE!

EEK!

GOO-AAAAH!

FIGHT ON, FUJIO OKAWA

LET'S GO CHIBA!!

WINNING IS GOOD! GO YAMADA

WHOA! TH-THE MANHOLE COVER HAS BEEN SENT FLYING!

KA-

BAM

GA-
BAAAH
TORYAAAH!
BOOSH
BOOSH
BOOSH
CHI-YAAAAH!
SKKKKRG
WHOA!
RAAH
AAH!
KWANG

GA-BAM
KREEEEE!!
BWOOM
EEEK!
Mmph!
G-BAM
SKKKRG

GWOO
CHE-RYAAH!
BLOW'EM AWAY!
LET'S GO NAKANISHI OKAWA
TAKE ON THE WORLD!! URA
OUT FOR BLOOD! NISHIKAWA
DOOOOM

SWF

RAAAAAH

WIN WITH
OKAWA NAK

NEVER
HANA

BAM

BMF

WAK

KAK

館長

BMF

IT'S...

...IT'S *ALL GONE!*

SHHHHHH

CRUMBLE

CRUMBLE

CRUMBLE

CRUMBLE

THERE ARE NO WORDS, FOLKS!

WHAT A *DISPLAY OF DESTRUC-TION!*

osu.

osu.

osu.

THE CONCRETE PIPE THAT ONCE STOOD ON STAGE...

...W-WAS TURNED TO DUST BEFORE OUR VERY EYES!

EVEN TIME CAN'T WEAKEN HIM!

THE GOD OF MARTIAL ARTS! DOPPO OROCHI!

STILL GOING STROOONG!

THE GIANT, DOPPO OROCHI!

館長

SHF

SHF

HE IS FEISTY, FOR SOMEONE THAT OLD.

PEH!

HE'S A HUMAN JACK-HAMMER.

SUEDO !

SUEDO'S GONNA HIT THE PAD!

OOH, IT'S SUEDO!

O-O-OSU!

HEY.

BEGIN SPORTS

NO FRIGGIN' WAY!

OH WOW! THEY NEED THREE PEOPLE TO HOLD THAT PAD!

DON'T YOU DARE LET GO.

KEEP THAT THING STEADY.

Y- YES- SIR!

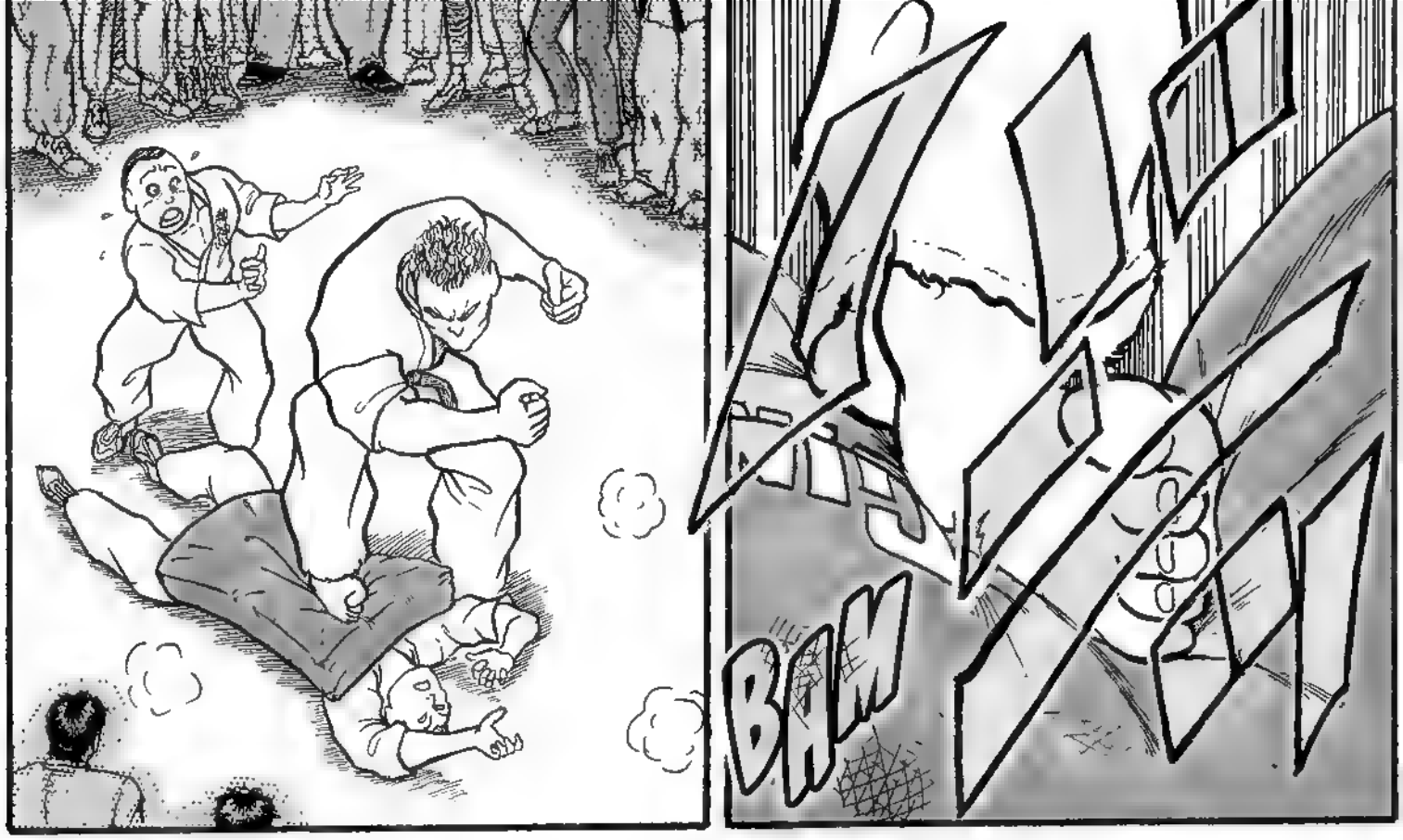
BWAM

DOOMF

BEGIN SPORTS

...

SUEDO, SIR! STOP! YOU'RE GONNA KILL HIM!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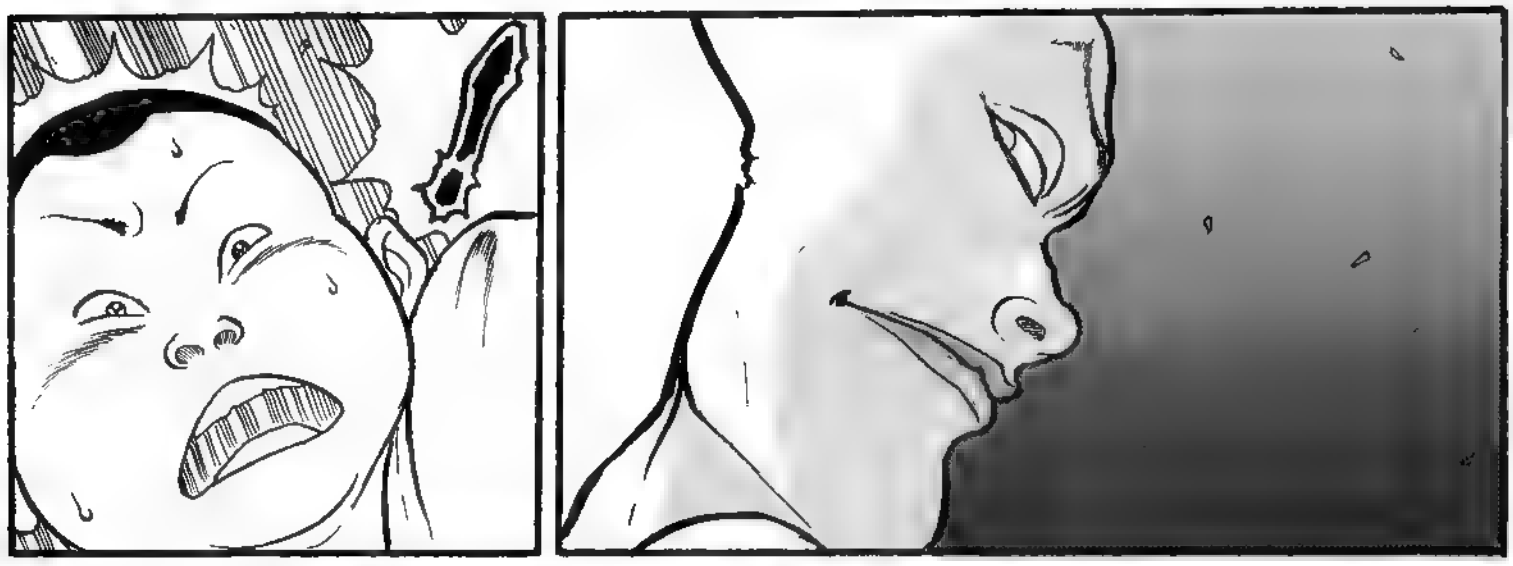


AFTER ALL, I CAN'T STOP ONCE I GET STARTED.

NO GOOD. IF YOU'RE GOING TO HOLD IT... HOLD IT RIGHT.
O-OSU! I'M SO SORRY!

SINK

Y-Y-YES-SHIR...

GOT IT?

MAN, HE'S HUGE!

IT'S SUEDO!

末堂

THERE HE IS!

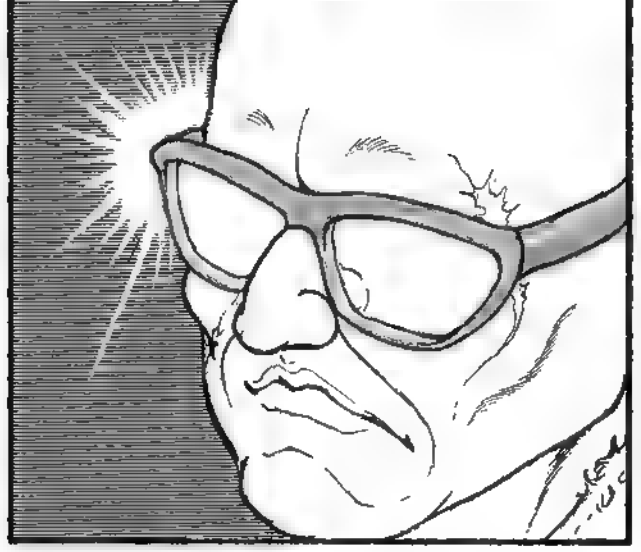
BEGIN SPORTS

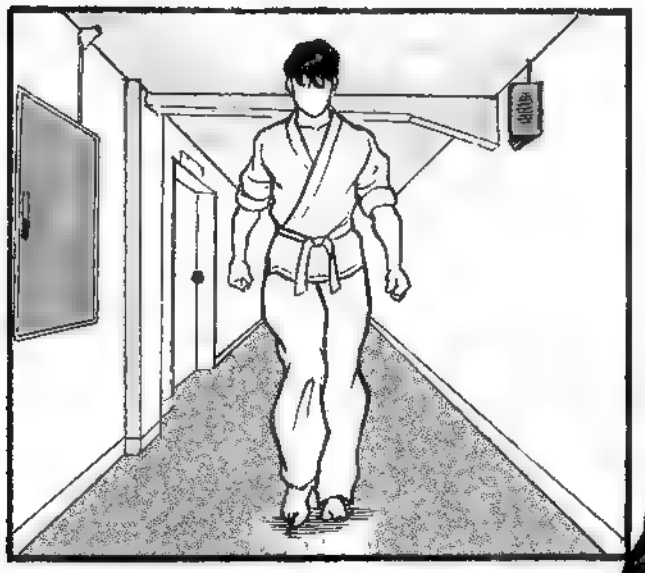
...

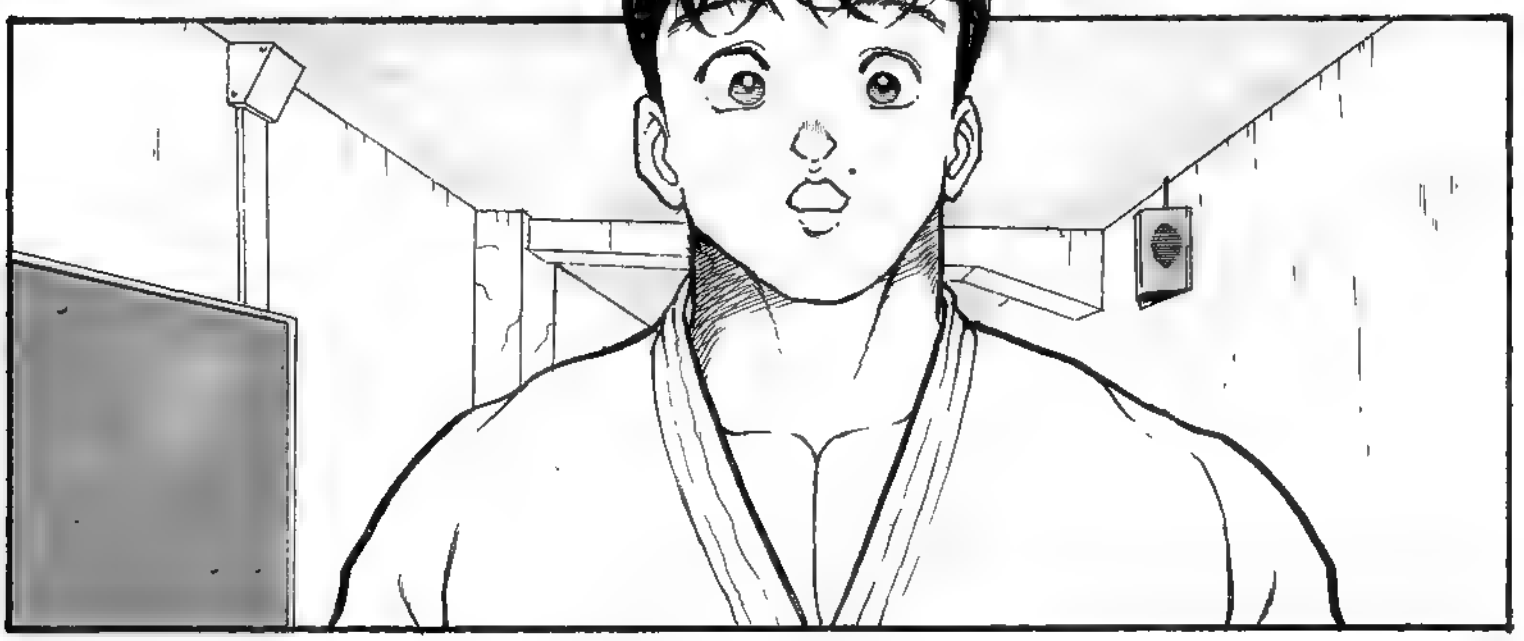
...

ALRIGHT THEN...

TIME TO FINISH THIS IN ONE SHOT.







HANMA.

HUH...? YES?

O-OH, DO I?

YOU FIGHT REMARKABLY.

I'VE HAD MY EYE ON YOU SINCE THE FIRST ROUND.

YESSIR! I THINK SO TOO!

...SUEDO IS STRONG.

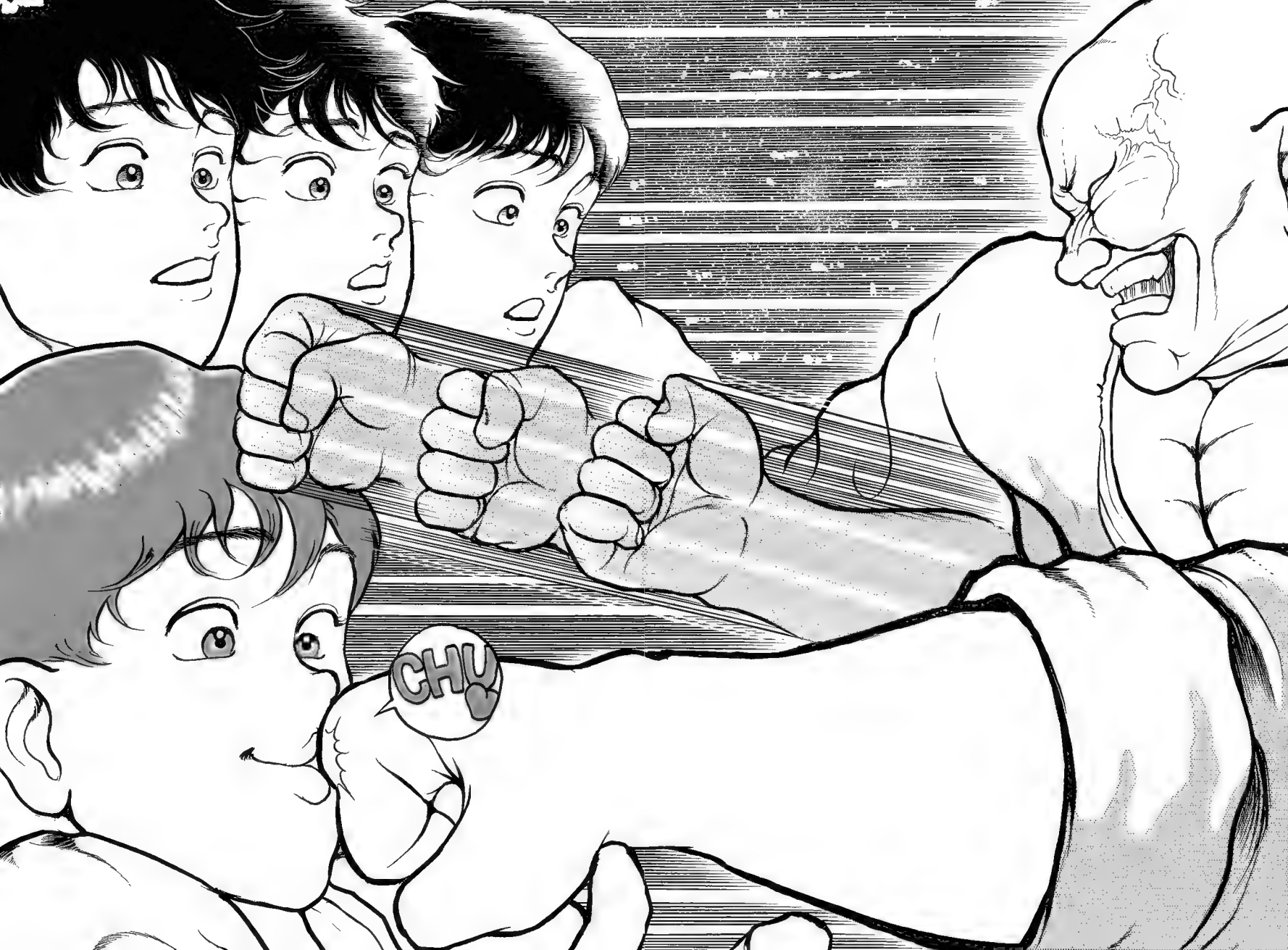
JUST A FRIENDLY WARNING ...

YES, SIR?

HEY, HANMA.

FLARE

BWOO


CHU

WHPSH

THAT'S AN AWESOME PUNCH!

WELL WELL, *THIS* WILL BE A TREAT.

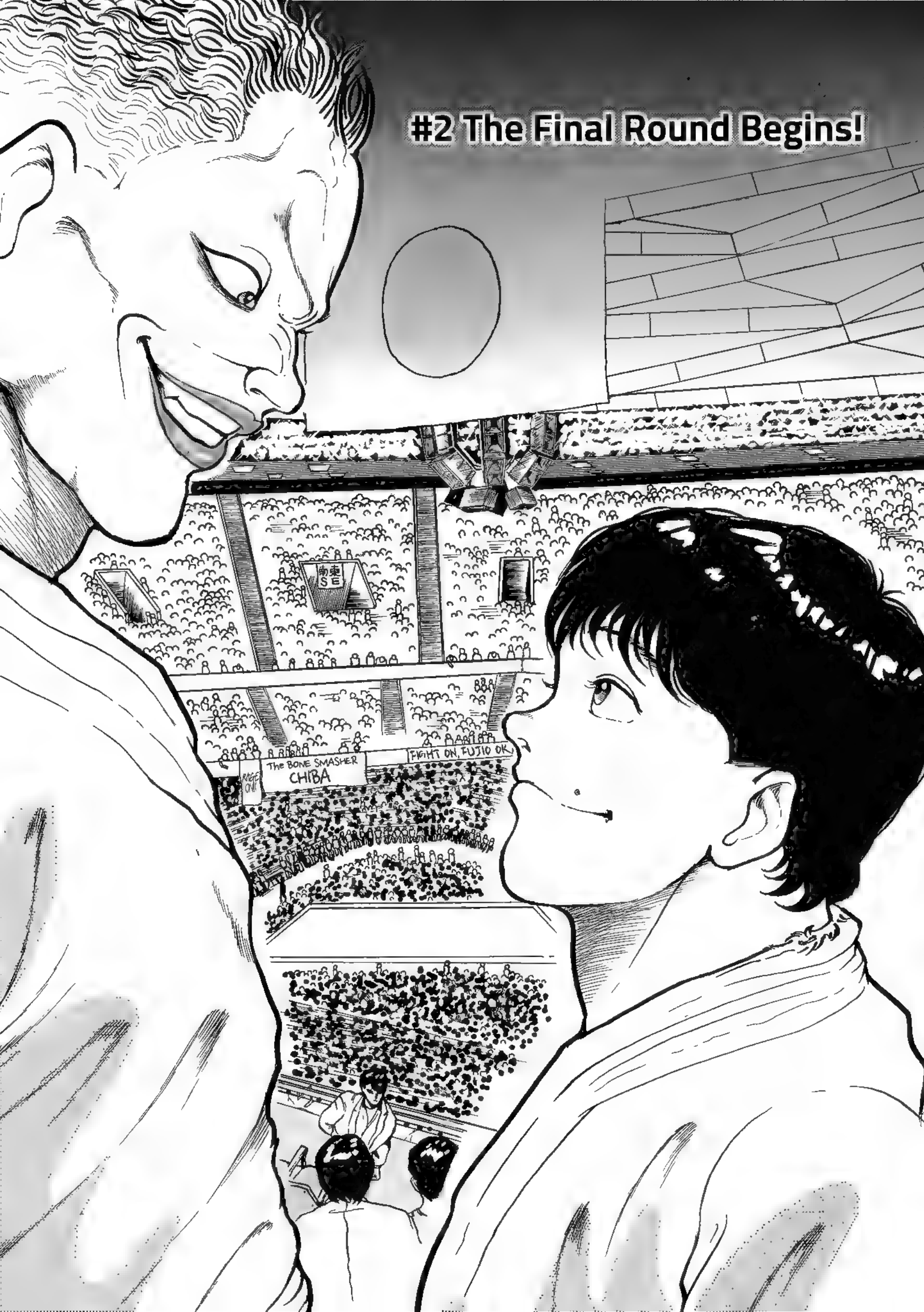
HO HO HO

DART

THE FINAL ROUND WILL NOW BEGIN!

WIN OR

#2 The Final Round Begins!



HE'S REALLY GETTING INTO IT.

USA

WHAP

YEAH, WELL, HIS FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP STREAK IS ON THE LINE. PLUS HIS OPPONENT IS FROM OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL.

*FULL CONTACT: A MATCH STYLE THAT INVOLVES DIRECTLY HITTING THE OPPONENT'S BODY WITH OFFENSIVE STRIKES.

OSU!
OSU!
OSU!
OSU!
OSU!
OSU!
OSU!
OSU!
OSU!

YOU HAVE SOME GOOD MOVES.

COME TO CHEER ME ON IN PERSON, DIRECTOR?

WELL, WELL.

IN FACT, I FEEL LIKE I COULD EVEN TAKE *YOU* ON, DIRECTOR.

HEH HEH... I FEEL *AMAZING* RIGHT NOW...

神心

SUEDO ...

PEW

SUEDO, YOU JACK-ASS!

...THEN I SUGGEST YOU GET THOSE DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR OUT OF YOUR HEAD.

IF YOU TRULY BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE CARRYING THIS ORGANIZATION ALL ON YOUR OWN...

GO CHIBA! NO SURRENDER!

RAGE ON!

JA-WOOM

LET'S GO! YOJI NISHIKAWA

I AIN'T SURE I GET WHAT YOU *MEAN*, SIR.

STAY CHAINED TO YOUR AMBITIONS AND YOU'LL GET COMPLETELY DEVOURED.

OSU!

YOU *CANNOT* BEAT THAT BOY IF YOU *POSSESS* ILL MOTIVES!

本部 神心

SLICE

末堂

Win it all!! Go!! Go!!
Taka

HE SAID HE'D GET "DEVOURED" ...

IS THAT HANMA GUY REALLY *THAT* STRONG?

OSU!

OSU!

COMPLETELY DEVOURED?!

キリ... GRIT...

キリ... GRIT...

HUH...

UWP

UWP

BRING IT ON !!!

?

WHAT?

HONDA

SHR

...

...

HE'S TAPING HIS FISTS!

HE'S FAST!

SHRR

SHR

SHR

SHR

SHR

SHR

THOSE ARE BANDAGES.

I'M TAPING MY HANDS UP...

SNAP

YEAH...

PLUS...

FSHHHHH...

THIS'LL PROTECT ME FROM STUBBED FINGERS AND DISLOCATIONS ...

...YOUR OPPONENTS CAN'T GET THROUGH YOUR SKIN *WHEN THEY BITE YOU.*

SHR

SHR

SHR

SHR

IF YOU WRAP IT JUST A LIL' THICKER...

BITING?

WHAT DID HE JUST SAY?

SNAP

GRIP...

...THERE ARE ANY FIGHTERS WILLING TO GO *THAT* FAR IN THIS TOURNAMENT.

THOUGH I DOUBT THAT...

AFTER ALL, I GUESS BITING IS AGAINST THE RULES *HERE.*

USH

HMPH... LOOKS LIKE HE'S NOT HANDLING THE DIRECTOR'S CRITICISM THAT WELL.
WHFF
VWSH
EEK!
WHY IS HE ALWAYS LIKE THIS...
POWER KARATE!
BRING IT OUT.

YEAH, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND...

ARE YOU SURE, SIR?

B- BUT...

OSU.

JOL

A- ALRIGHT, THEN.

HERE IT IS.

IS HE REALLY USING THAT ?!

IDIOT! THAT IS *NOT* A MOUTHPIECE!

IT'S FINE RIGHT? MOUTHPIECES AREN'T AGAINST THE RULES...

T-TEM... PLATE...

...?

IT'S A *TEMPLATE* !!!

...SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING YOUR RESISTANCE TO STRIKES!

IT'S A *SPECIAL DEVICE* MADE OF ACRYLIC RESIN, MOLDED TO THE SHAPE OF YOUR TEETH AND CONNECTED BY A METAL STRIP. BITING DOWN ON IT INTERLOCKS YOUR HEAD AND SPINE...

...BOOSTING ALL OF THE BODY'S FUNCTIONS...

MOST FEARSOME OF ALL, HOWEVER, IS HOW THE TEMPLATE REARRANGES YOUR BACKBONE...

...WHOPPING THIRTY PERCENT!!!

...BY A...

THIRTY PERCENT ?!

USA

SUEDO'S HEIGHT IS 205 CM, AND HIS WEIGHT IS 130 KILOS!

HE CAN BENCH PRESS 270 KILOS!

AND HE'S A SUPER SPRINTER WHO CAN RUN A 100-METER DASH BAREFOOT IN ELEVEN SECONDS FLAT!!!

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THAT MEANS?!

NOW THAT MONSTER IS POWERING UP *ANOTHER* THIRTY PERCENT!

COMING IN FROM THE WEST, IT'S ATSUSHI SUEDO!!!

AND FROM THE EAST SIDE, BAKI HANMA !!!

SWOOSH
DM
DM
DM
SHOVE
DM
DM
DM
DM
TAMP

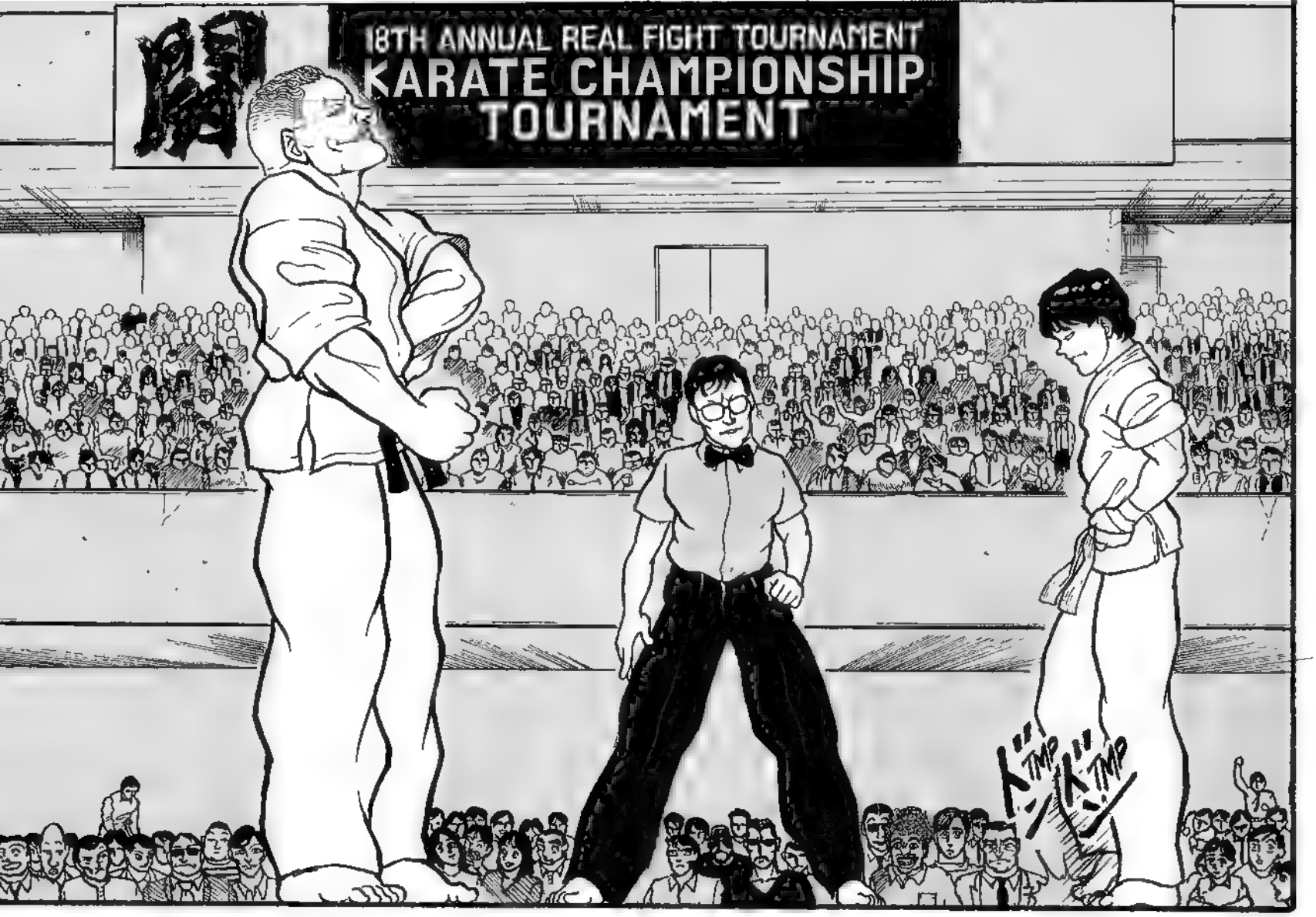
N!
GO
OK

HE'S GLARING A HOLE THROUGH HIM!

HE'S STANDING FIRM AS HE STARES STRAIGHT AT HANMA, WHO'S MAKING HIS ENTRANCE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

SUEDO SPRINTS AND LEAPS ONTO THE MAT!

SWF...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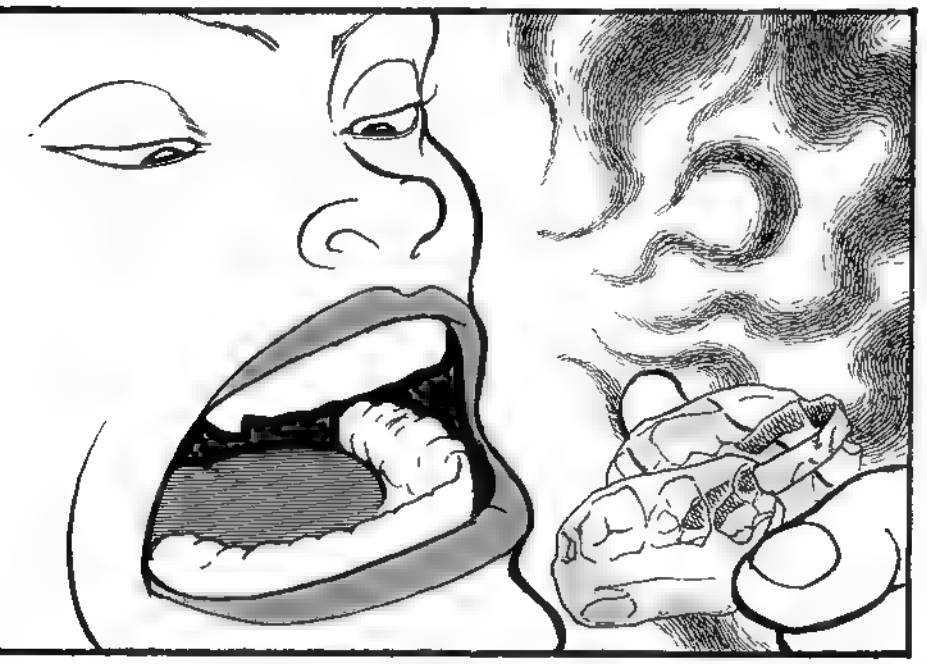
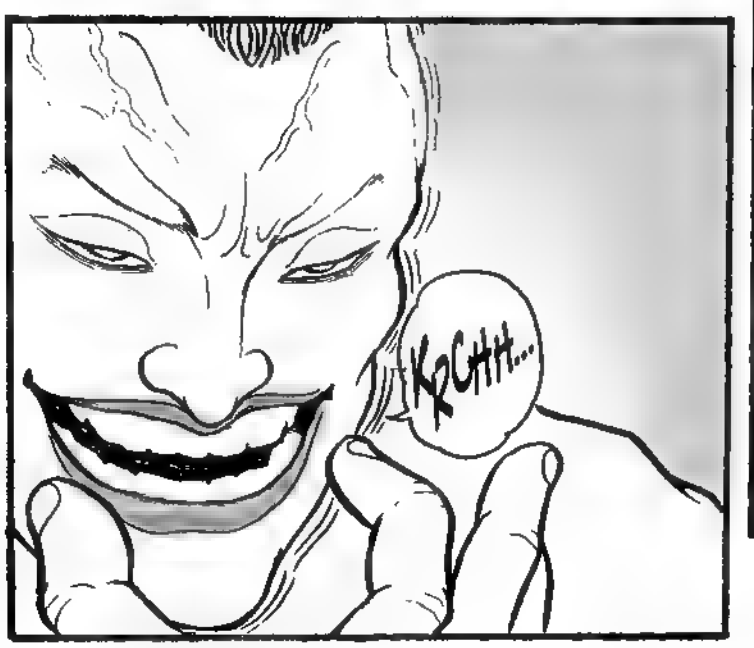



KRCHH...

MCH...

MCH...

HEH... SO THE KID'S DONE HIS HOME-WORK.

A TEM-PLATE. OH.

MR. SUEDO...

THEN YOU MUST KNOW I'M THIRTY PERCENT STRONGER NOW.

YOU HATE GOING TO THE *DENTIST,* DON'T YOU?

YOU MUST RELY ON THAT THING 'CAUSE YOUR TEETH ARE CROOKED.

WHAT?

I...

SEE?

BUT I ALWAYS VISIT THE DENTIST REGULARLY.

SMILE...

PERFECT NATURAL POWER!

IS THE REF ISSUING BAKI A WARNING?

H-HEY! NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR CHIT-CHAT!

THE CROWD CAN'T HELP BUT CHUCKLE!

WAS HE MOCKING SUEDO?

OH NO, IT SEEMS HE'S BEEN REPRIMANDED.

HE'S BEING LAUGHED AT!

HA HA HA HA

HA HA HA HA

THIS AIN'T SOME FANCY BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP. HURRY UP AND GET STARTED.

TH-THAT LITTLE IDIOT. HE'S GONNA GET KILLED!

BOW!!!

NUAL REAL FIGHT TOU
ATE CHAMPION
TOURNAMENT

FACE FRONT!

BOW! FACE EACH OTHER ...

GET READY !!!

本部 祌

AND... STAR—
SWF

SHRK

ゴロ
ROLL
ゴロ
ROLL
ゴロ

WOOOOOO
YOUR OPPONENT'S OUT OF BOUNDS!!!
H-HANMA!
AS EXPECTED FROM SOMEONE WHO SKIPS THE DENTIST. YOUR ATTACKS LACK POLISH.
WHAT A SHOCKER !!!
SUEDO! RETURN TO THE MAT!
WOOO
OOOO
IN A SURPRISING TWIST, THE FIRST STRIKE HAS BEEN SERVED BY BAKI!
TIING
FWIP

#3 Suedo's Danger Level

BAKI LANDS THE FIRST ATTACK!

COACH!

THE REFEREE MAKES AN "OUT OF BOUNDS" CALL BEFORE ASSESSING THE DAMAGE.

Good luck! Nishikawa

HE'S NOW WALKING BACK TO THE STARTING POSITION!

SUEDO!

N!

GO

FIGH

GRK!

Y-
YOU...

DON'T
TELL
ME...

...THAT
FLYING KICK
DISLOCATE
YOUR
SHOULDER?

DID...

!

FIGHTING SPIRIT!
GO OKAWA!

...

H-HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'?!

JOLT

GET A DOCTOR OVER HERE, QUICKLY!

OSU!

柴田

YOU LOSE! WHAT *NOTHING!*

YOU CAN'T FIGHT WITH A DISLOCATED SHOULDER, CAN YOU?

YOU'RE GOING TO HURT YOURSELF !!!

IN THE SHINSHINKAI, PRIDE COMES BEFORE THE FALL.

KEH HEH HEH HEH!

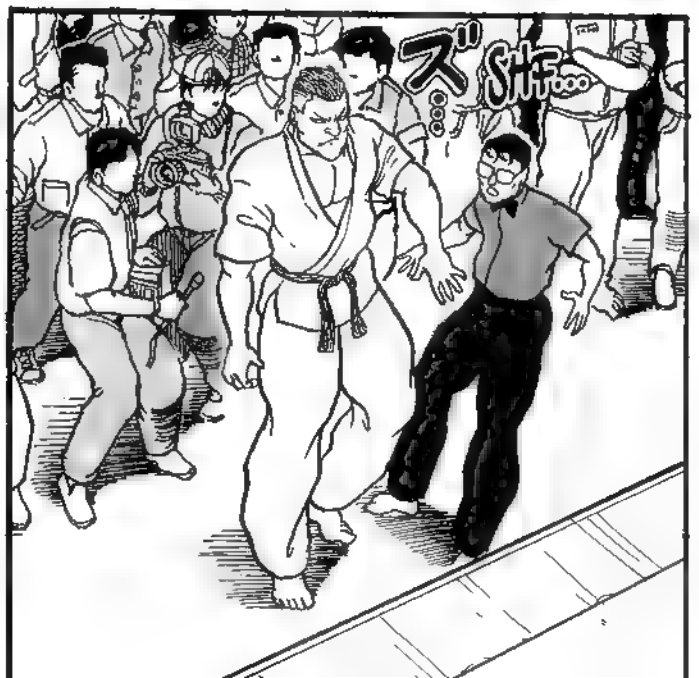
...

HEH HEH

...MR. REFEREE.
I THINK YOU'RE MISTAKEN...

H- HEY.

WHA ...?


ズ SHF...

A-ONE... AND A-TWO...
Y...
...YOU IDIOT!

YOU WERE *CLEARLY* SEEIN' THINGS.

LET'S GET THIS MATCH BACK ON TRACK.

SEE THAT, MR. REF...?

...

GULP

BRAVO, SUEDO.

THAT MUST HAVE HURT!

HEY, REF, WHERE'S THIS INJURED PERSON?

HAH... I GUESS I WAS SEEING THINGS!

SORRY, SORRY!

YOU REALLY ARE SOMETHING ELSE, MR. SUEDO.

MEH!

SORRY FOR THE DELAY.

HEYA...

FIGHT! C

...

ミシッ

SH-SKR

...THAT YOU WERE THE NUMBER ONE FULL CONTACT AMATEUR FIGHTER AROUND!

EVER SINCE YOU WON THIS TOURNAMENT THREE YEARS AGO, I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT...

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE SELLING THE *BEST MARTIAL ARTIST IN THE WORLD* PRETTY SHORT?

HEH! ARE YOU TRYING TO FLATTER ME BY CALLING ME THE *NUMBER ONE AMATEUR?*

MY... HANDS?

...?

REF, STICK OUT YOUR HANDS.

...

PTO!

KRAKKRAK

KRNGHKRNGH

NOW IT'S JUST US TWO *PERFECT NATURAL POWER* TYPES.

LET'S GET THIS STARTED ALREADY.

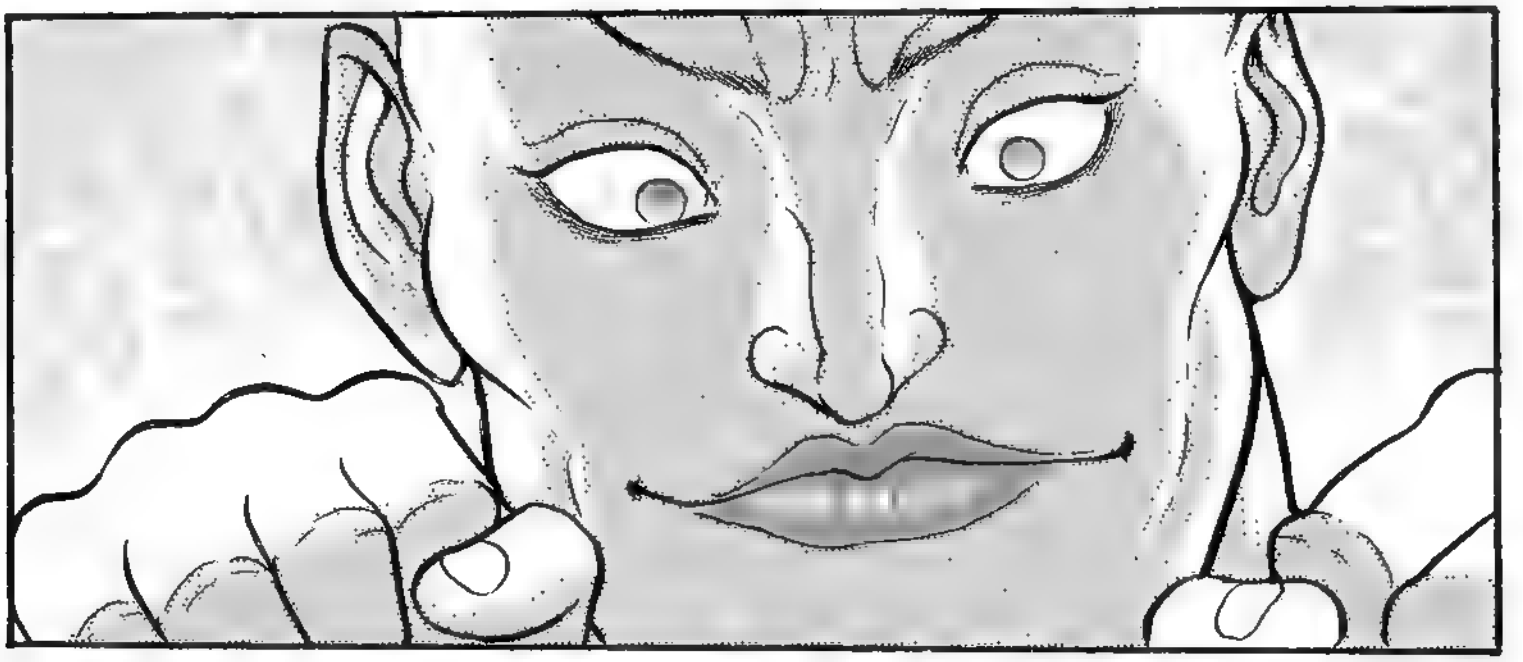
TH-THE TEMPLATE!

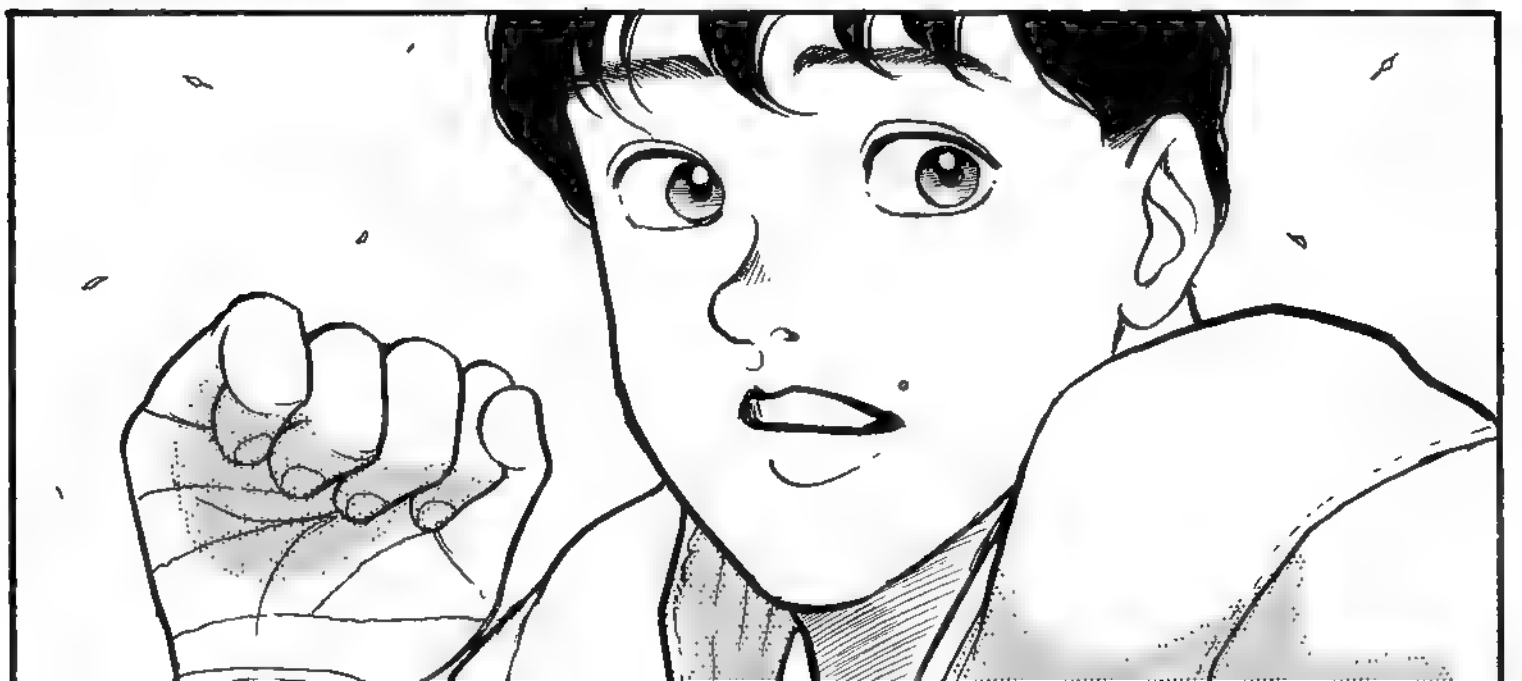
GET READY!

範馬

YEESH ...

BEGIN!!





...

NOW THAT BOY'S IN TROUBLE.

SUEDO HAS *COOLED OFF...*

I WISH HE HAD JUST SAT BACK AND OBSERVED...

...BUT HE ENDED UP SPOUTING SOME *NONSENSE.*

FIVE YEARS AGO, AN AMERICAN PRO WRESTLER DID A TOUR OF THE SHINSHINKAI.

THIS IS ALL USELESS IN THE RING.

THERE WAS NO WAY THEY'D LET IT END PEACEFULLY.

HE REALLY SAID THAT TO A GROUP OF MEN WHO PRIDE THEMSELVES ON STRENGTH.

SO THEY HAD A SPECIAL MATCH.

ONLY USELESS THING HERE IS YOUR BRAINLESS HEAD.

HEY, STEAK SLOB!

SUEDO SNAPPED.

IT WAS THE FIRST NOTE IN A SYMPHONY OF BRUTALITY.

THAT HIT OPENED SUEDO'S EYES.

C'MON, BOY!

A BODY SLAM AT THE START WOULD BE THE WRESTLER'S ONLY SUCCESS.

HIS SPEED, SPACING, TIMING, AND TACTICS...

AFTER HE REGAINED HIS COOL, SUEDO FOUGHT PERFECTLY.

鹿島大明

...WAS NEVER ABLE TO EAT A SOLID STEAK EVER AGAIN.

SURE, WE WERE WRONG FOR LETTING THE MATCH GO ON, BUT AFTER JUST THREE MINUTES, THAT WRESTLER!..

SUEDO ISN'T THE MOST DANGEROUS WHEN HE'S MAD!

...

USA 神

本部 神心

IGHT ON!!
ASAKAZU

RA

BAI!

IT'S WHEN HIS MOOD IS LIKE IT IS *NOW!!!*

I'VE GOT ALL SORTS OF TACTICS FILED INSIDE MY BRAIN.

IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE TO DEAL WITH AN OPPONENT ONCE YOU KNOW THEIR STANCE.

HEH... I CAN READ YOU LIKE A BOOK, BOY.

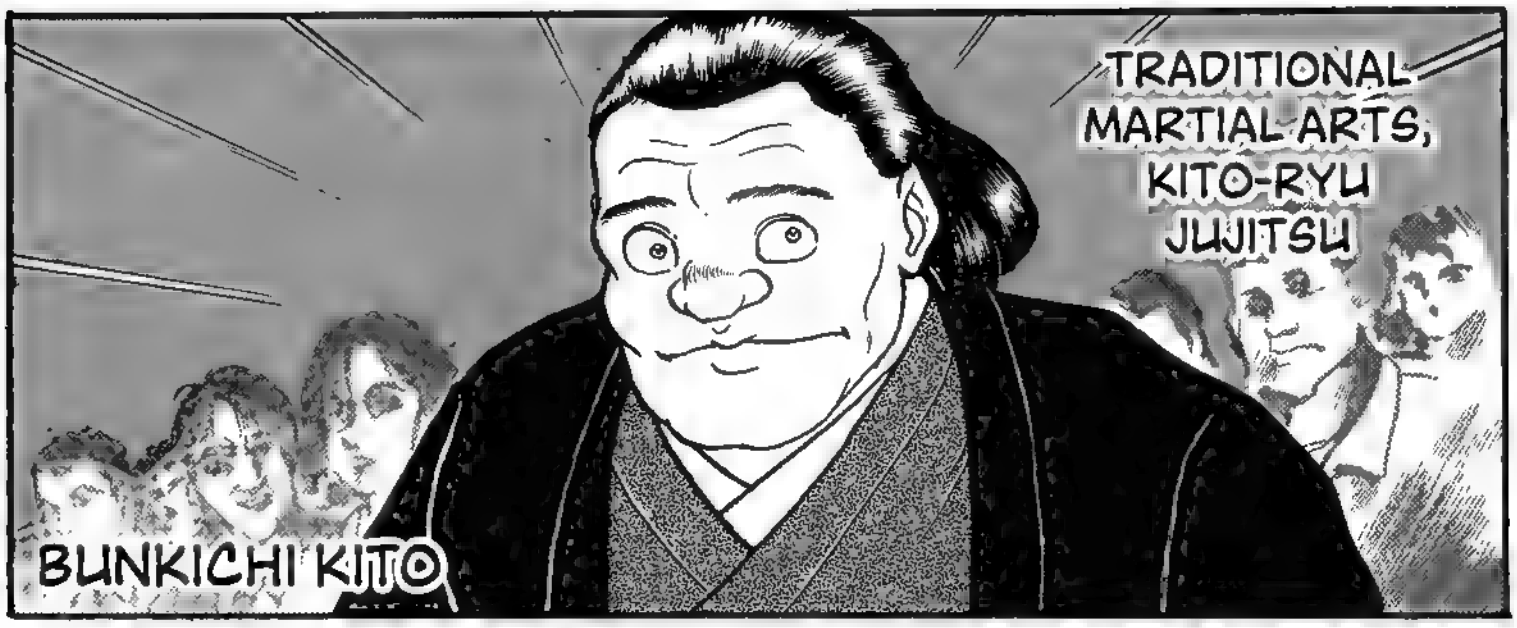
A WIDE STANCE POISED TO THE SIDE...

SUEDO'S CALMED DOWN!

I KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW. I CAN SEE YOUR NEXT MOVE.

HIS EYES ARE LOCKED ON!

BAKI IS IN FOR IT NOW!



FREE AGENTS

AND...

...!

BAKI CHARGES IN ONCE AGAIN!

C'MON, C'MON!

WSH
WSH
WSH

I
KNEW...

KA-SWING
LET'S GO, BLOODSTAINED WARRIOR! VICTORY!
ITAGAKI CONQUERS ALL
...THAT ONE WAS COMING!

MR. SUEDO!
YOU REALLY *ARE* AN AMATEUR!

#4 Beyond A Barred Move!

SHAAARYAAAAAH!
WHOA! BAKI SWOOPS IN OVERHEAD...
!!!
SHF

...WITH A SPINNING KICK!!!

KRAKOW

RA RRRH

THE 205 CM, 130 KILO GIANT HAS BEEN BROUGHT LOW!!!

SKR RRRR

KDNF

HE FENDED OFF THAT KICK, EH?

OHO-OOO.

SUEDO FALLS TO HIS KNEES!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M IN SUCH A SORRY STATE RIGHT NOW...

TCH!

TIIIIINGE

HOWEVER, IT SEEMS LIKE BAKI FAILED TO SET UP HIS LANDING AND BREAK HIS FALL.

...AND TURNED SUEDO'S OWN FEROCIOUS LOW KICK AGAINST HIM!

THAT BAKI KID USED THAT WILD SPINNING KICK AS A LURE...

A-AMAZING ...!!!

KARATE

SUEDO! ARE YOU OKAY?!

IT'S ALMOST AS IF SUEDO STRUCK *HIMSELF* IN THE HEAD WITH THAT LOW KICK!!

THE CHALLENGER HAS SHREWDLY EXPLOITED THE LIGHTWEIGHT HANDICAP HE FACES!

BAKI HAS COMPLETELY STUNNED THE STADIUM!

...
KOFF
KOFF
HEY, SUEDO...
...
TM
TM
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TM
TM
TM

GWOO
KA-
CHING
H-H-
H-HEY,
WAIT!
AAAAH!
OH NO!
SUEDO TAKES
THE MATCH IN
AN UGLY
DIRECTION!
WAH
WAH
WAH
WAH

GO-RA!
BLOODY WARLORD TOMIZAWA
NAKANISHI!
ITAGAKI CONQUERS ALL
Let's go Yoji Nishikawa!!
WARLORD OKAWA
CHAMPIONSHIP

STILL, FACE STRIKES ARE AGAINST THE RULES!

SUEDO, STOP!

KA-WAM

HE MUST BE EXTREMELY FRUSTRATED AFTER HAVING HIS OWN POWER USED AGAINST HIM!

LET THEM FIGHT! KILL 'EM!

ATTACKING A DOWNED OPPONENT AND PUNCHES TO THE FACE ARE BOTH PROHIBITED!

ARE YOU *TRYING* TO GET DISQUALIFIED, SUEDO?!

GRAB

SUEDO IS DONE PLAYING FAIR!

NOT FAIR AT ALL—

HUH?!

SHOOM
SHIP
!
Y-YOU SON OF A... WHAT ARE YOU—
SLIP

HUP!
THIS IS...
TUG
GAH!

本部
神
...A FLAGRANTLY BARRED MOVE!!!

THE BOW AND ARROW!

H-HEY, STOP!

WHAT WAS IT...

ERM... LET'S SEE...

THIS IS A PRO-WRESTLING MOVE CALLED...

...

...

HUH ...?

GET OFF OF HIM!

W-WHY, YOU!

KARATE

COACH!

...

MORON! DO YOU WANT TO BE DISQUALI-FIED?!

OH... IS THAT NOT ALLOWED ?

OBVIOUSLY, GROUND TECHNIQUES ARE AGAINST THE RULES!

TELL ME, WHO *IS* THAT GUY, SIR?!

...

I GUESS THIS FIGHT WAS TOO MUCH FOR SUEDO TO HANDLE.

HMMM ...

BAKI.

THAT BOY IS INTERESTING.

BAKI, EH?

BAKI...

IT'S NOT EVEN WORTH *LOOKING AT.*

IT'S JUST A SCHOOL-YARD SCRAP...

THAT IS SUEDO OF THE SHINSHINKAI, ISN'T IT?

LOOK AT THAT, SENSEI.

HOWEVER, THIS TIME HE EARNED IT!

BAKI IS BEING REPRIMANDED YET AGAIN!

...ENOUGH SHAME FOR ONE DAY.

HEH HEH... I'VE HAD...

...

NO MORE CHEAP TRICKS!
BREAK A LEG, TAKAHASHI
BEGIN!!!
ザッ
SHF
範
ONLY ORTHODOX ...
範

...FIGHTING FROM HERE ON OUT!

末堂

OOOH!

SUEDO LANDS A CLEAN BARRAGE OF HEAVY STRIKES!

I...

...I KNEW IT...

WANT TO TAKE DOWN A *GRAPPLER* ...

IF YOU REALLY...

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING !!!

HE'S TAKING ALL THOSE DIRECT HITS AND IT'S NOT EVEN AFFECTING HIM?!

...YOU NEED TO HIT THEM... IN THE FACE...

EVEN IF IT IS... AGAINST... THE RULES...

#5 Hit the Face!

HE WASN'T AFFECTED AT ALL, COACH!
MR. SUEDO.
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO TAKE ME DOWN...
本部神
SUEDO IS SPEEDING UP EVEN MORE!
...YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO HIT ME IN THE FACE...

KRAKOW

範馬

HE FELT THAT ONE!

THE CHOP LANDS ON HIS COLLAR-BONE!

HE'S WINDING UP ANOTHER HIT!

範馬

KRA-BAM

範馬

YET ANOTHER CLEAN HIT!

...

AN ELBOW STRIKE TO THE SOLAR PLEXUS!

KRA-BAM

A MID FRONT KICK!

KRA-BAM

A BACKFIST SPLEEN STRIKE!

WHAM BAM

NEXT...

DMF

ALL OF THEM ARE CLEAN HITS !!!

KA-BWAM
...SUEDO STILL ISN'T LETTING UP!
KCHOOM

...
FIGHT ON, YOJI NISHIKAWA
DMT
DM
DM

HEH.

WARLORD TOYOMASU

OKAWA!! KEEP GOING!

CHIBA!

YOU CAN DO IT! HIDETOSHI URA!!

YOJI NISHIKAWA

TOYOMASU

GET THIS GUY A HEARSE.

WIN IT ALL

HAH... DUMBASS...

S- SUEDO... LOOK...

HONDA

...

I
KNEW
IT...

THAT JUST NOW...
VWP
W-WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE SCARS?!
Let's go! TOYOMASU
...WAS A SLIP-UP.
FIGHT YOJI N

BUT NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP ME DOWN.

HONESTLY, THAT LAST BACK KICK HURT A LITTLE BIT.

A-A LITTLE ...?!

...BUT NOT IN *THIS* KIND OF FIGHT.

I REALLY WANTED TO FIGHT YOU, MR. SUEDO...

DIDN'T THAT COUNT AS AN IPPON*?

HEY, REF!

Harvest their bones, Nakanishi!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!!

*IPPON: THE HIGHEST SCORE ACHIEVABLE IN A MARTIAL ARTS COMPETITION.

THE MATCH WILL CONTINUE ...

YOUR OPPONENT ISN'T HURT...

NO CAN DO, SUEDO.

...

WARLORD TOYOMASU
O...
...OKAY, THAT'S FINE BY ME...
YOU CAN BACK OFF NOW, REF.
B-BACK OFF? HEY, YOU...

IS HE ACTUALLY GOING TO CLOCK THIS KID IN THE FACE?!

SUEDO, YOU WOULDN'T!!!

THIS *AIN'T* A MATCH ANYMORE.

Fight! Hitoshi Tomizawa

FIGHTI SPIRI

TAKEOVER

VICTOR

TEAM KIMURA CONQUERS ALL!!

...MY FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP STREAK ENDS TODAY!

TELL THE DIRECTOR...

本部神心

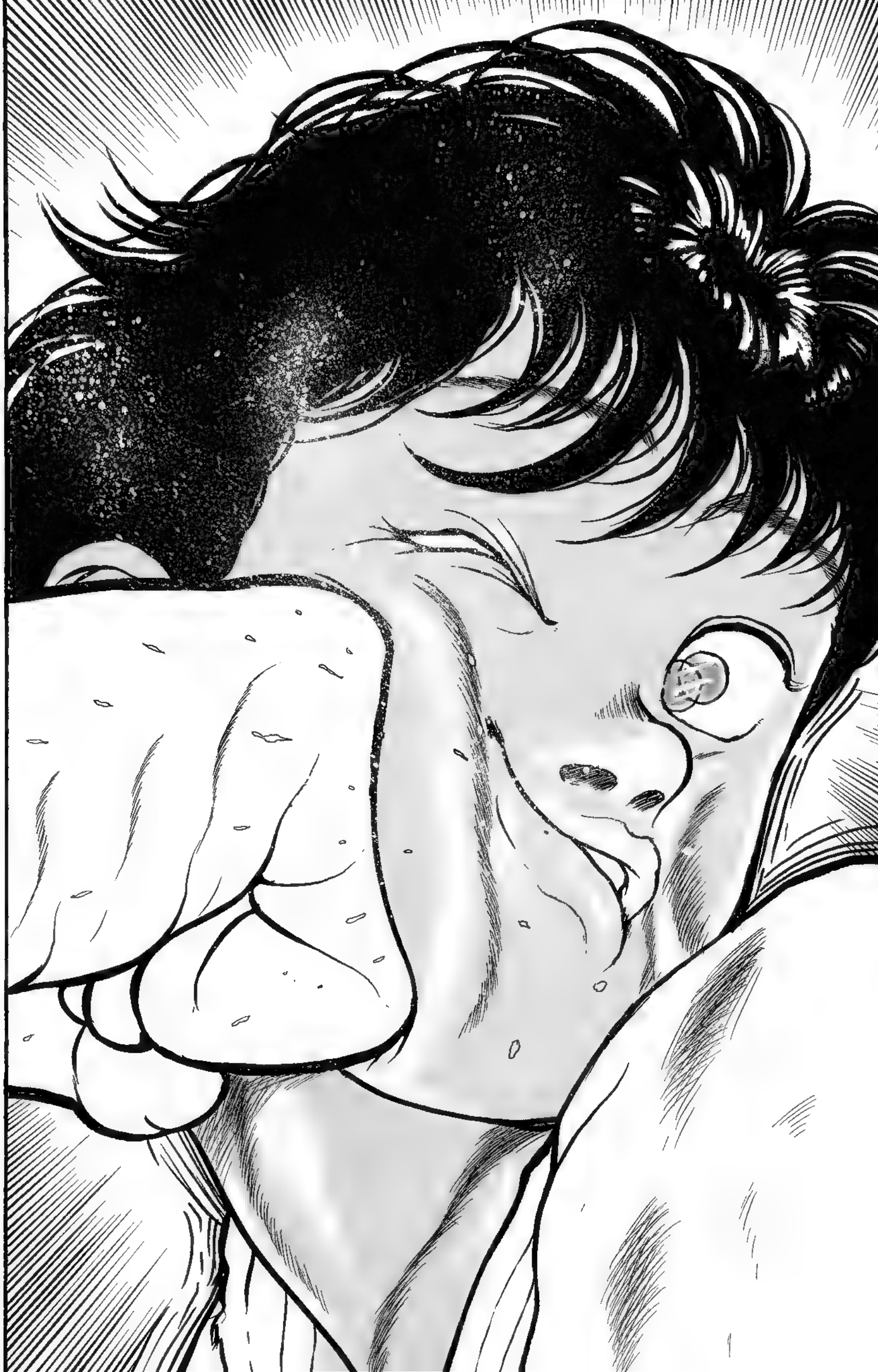
THE UNDYING BAKI UNDERSTANDABLY BACKS OFF AND GAINS SOME DISTANCE...

WIN! NISHIKAWA

IS HE ACTUALLY GOING TO RISK IT ALL BY INTENTIONALLY STRIKING HIS OPPONENT'S FACE?!

IS SUEDO CHOOSING DISQUALIFI-CATION?!

SUEDO, STOP!!!
...NOW HE'S LUNGING FORWARD !!!



RAKIT
THE GRAPPLER
RAKIT
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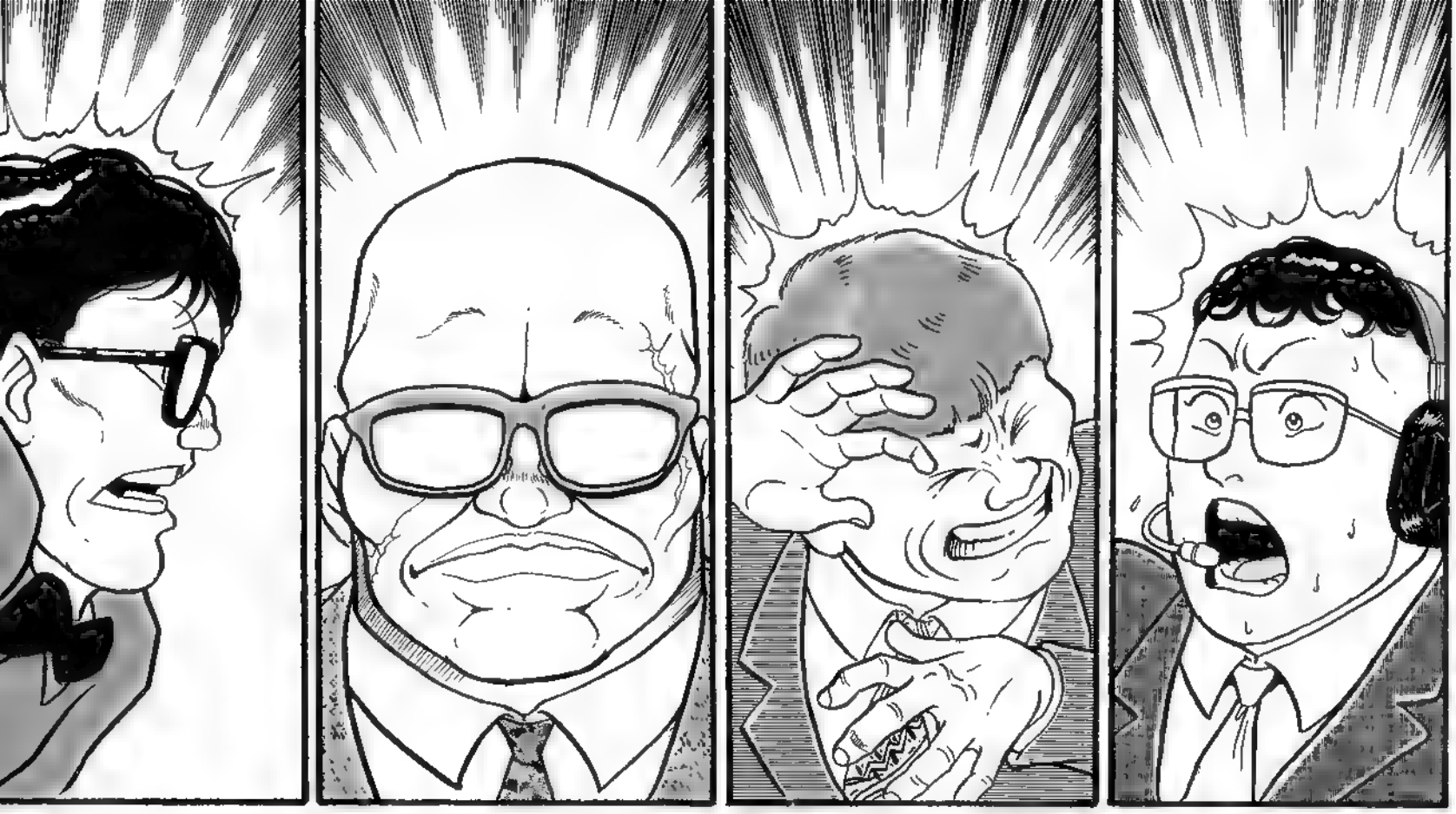
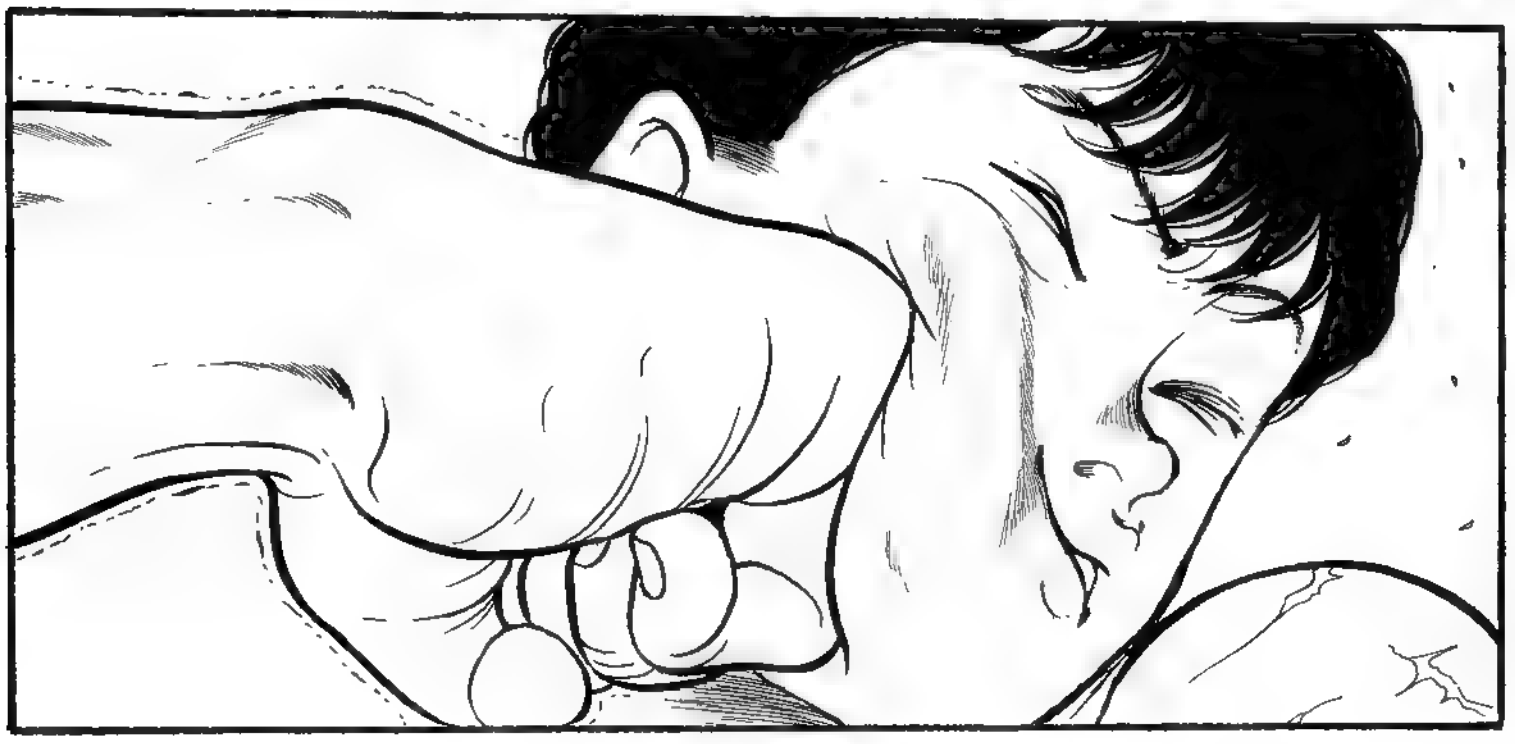
BAKI
THE GRAPPLER

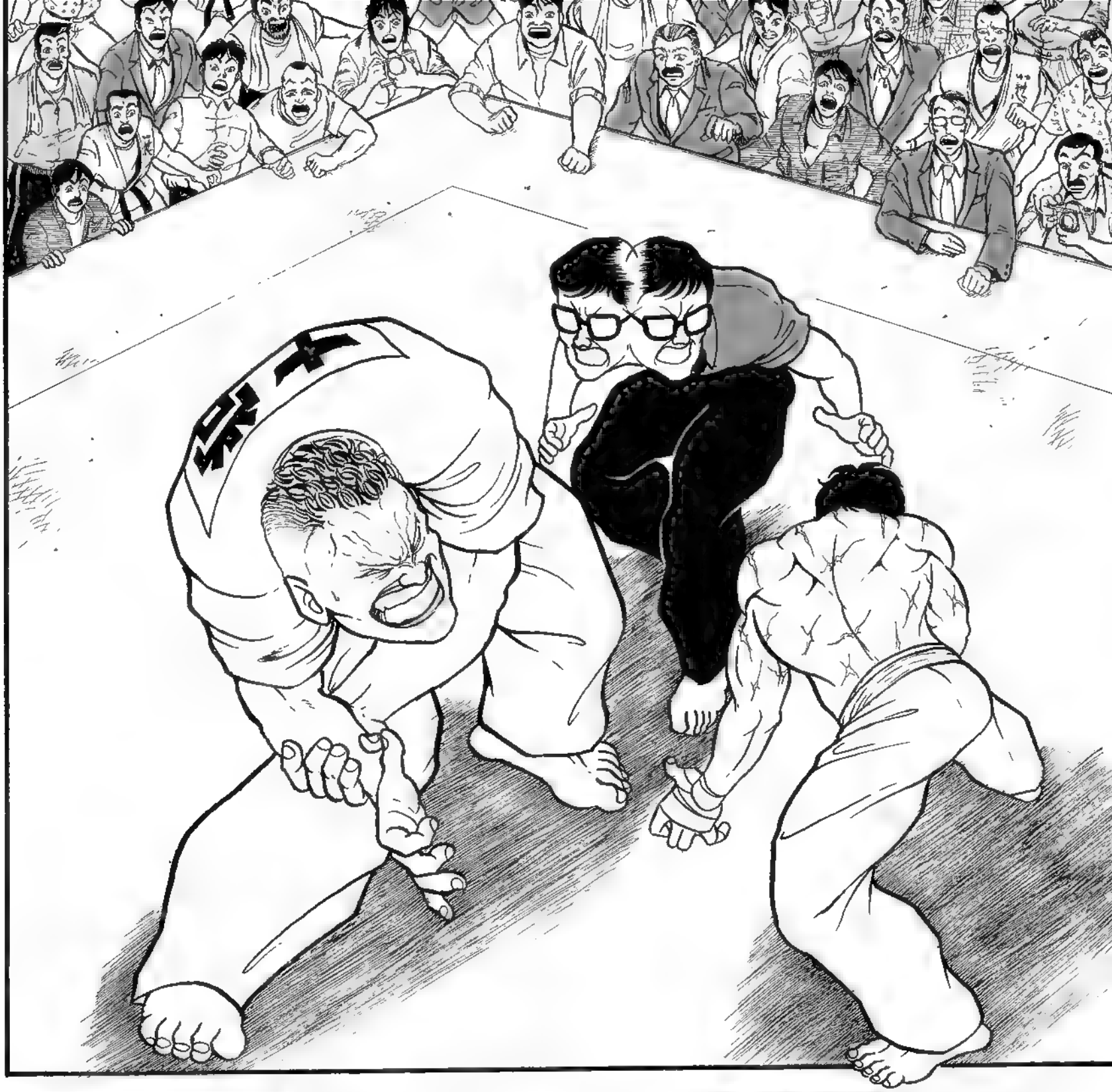
#6 Last Rush!

KRAAK
KRAAK!!!



Y-YOU
BASTARD...





HM...

OHO.

WHAT...

...SUEDO!

S...

WHAT A *DOPE.*

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!

BAKI DASHED FORWARD FEROCIOUSLY ...

...AND SUEDO RESPONDED WITH AN EXCELLENT YET *ILLEGAL* HIGH PUNCH COUNTER!

BUT IT SEEMS SUEDO'S *FIST* TOOK MORE DAMAGE THAN BAKI'S *FACE!*

I... GENUINELY... DON'T KNOW...?

I...

...

WHAT'S GOING ON, COACH?!

DIRECTOR!! WHAT IN THE WORLD *JUST HAPPENED?*

IT'S THE *CHOPSTICKS AND PAPER WRAPPER.*

CHOP-STICKS...?

CH-CHOP...

WE KNOW IT, YEAH.

AH, YES, YES.

YOU KNOW THAT PARTY TRICK, RIGHT? THE ONE WHERE YOU SNAP A PAIR OF CHOPSTICKS APART USING A PAPER WRAPPER...

WHPSH

EVEN IF THE WRAPPER IS LIMP AND WEAK...

...IF IT GAINS ENOUGH SPEED, THEN IT CAN SLICE EVEN THE STURDIEST CHOPSTICKS APART.

IF YOU CAN MOVE AT A SPEED THAT FAR EXCEEDS THAT OF THE INCOMING FIST...

BASICALLY, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW VULNERABLE YOUR FACE IS.

PWAP

...

ALTHOUGH THE WRAPPER WILL ALSO END UP BENT AND RIPPED.

...YOU CAN *DESTROY* THAT FIST.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON IN THIS MATCH?!

SUCH 7"

TINK

PEH

...

WIGGL

WHY'S EVERYONE MAKING SUCH A BIG FUSS OVER A LITTLE FRACTURE...

オオオオオオオ

Woooooooo

SUEDO, SIR! BEHIND YOU! *LOOK BEHIND YOU!*

HYURU-RURURU-RURU.

WHPASH!!

SHUUU!
KRA-BAM
SH-BAM
KRA-BAM

KA-DMMM
SUEDO IS GETTING HIS ASS KICKED!
SUEDO...
...IS LOSING!!!
KA-DMM
UP
DMM
BAKI UNLEASHES A DEMONIC RUSH!!!

COMES...
TUMBLING...
...DOWN!
BI
WR
AAAH!
OH NO!
SUEDO SWAYS
BACKWARDS
AND...

THAT HIGH KICK LANDS STRAIGHT ON THE JAW!

BA-SHOOM

IPPONiii

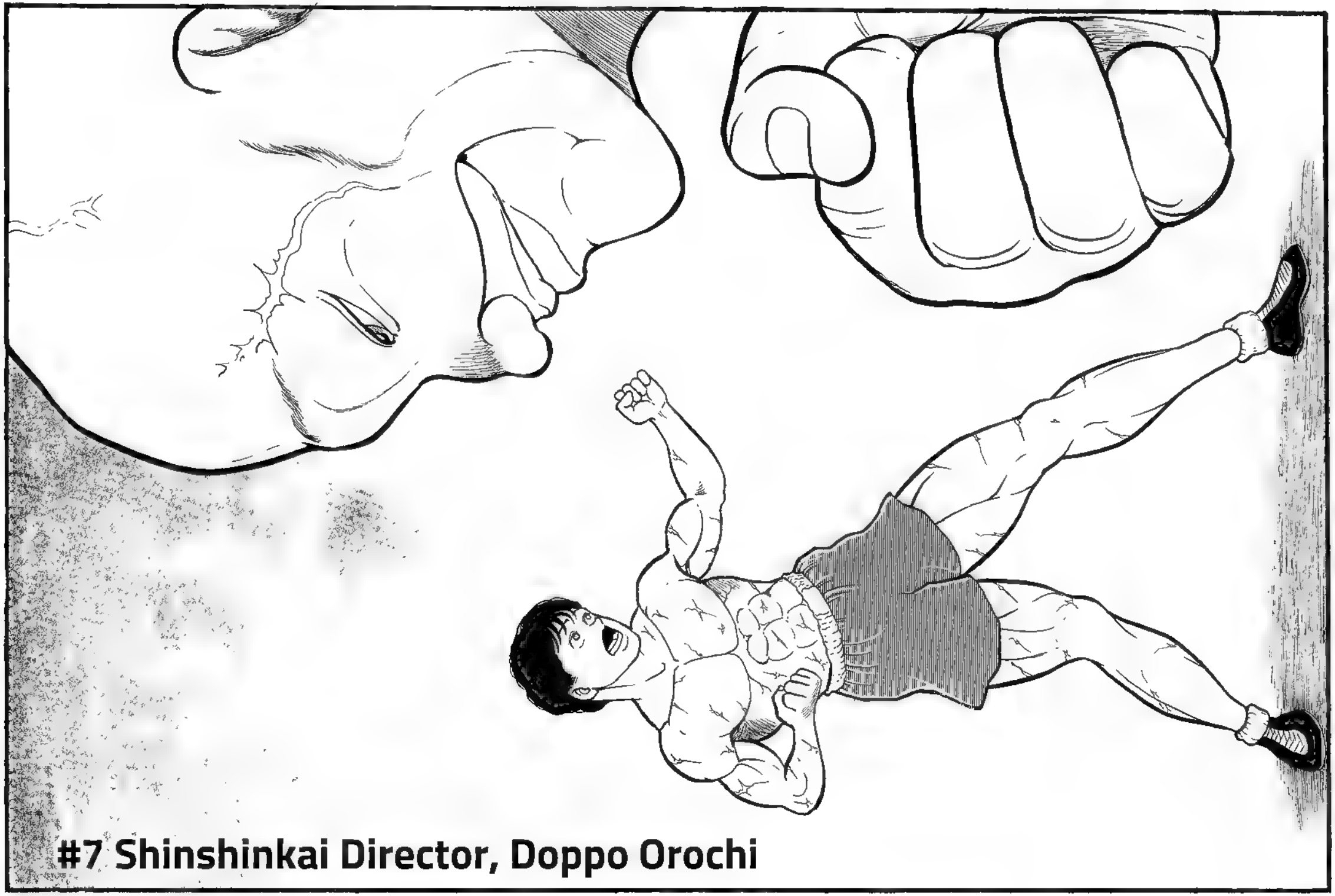
I...

...

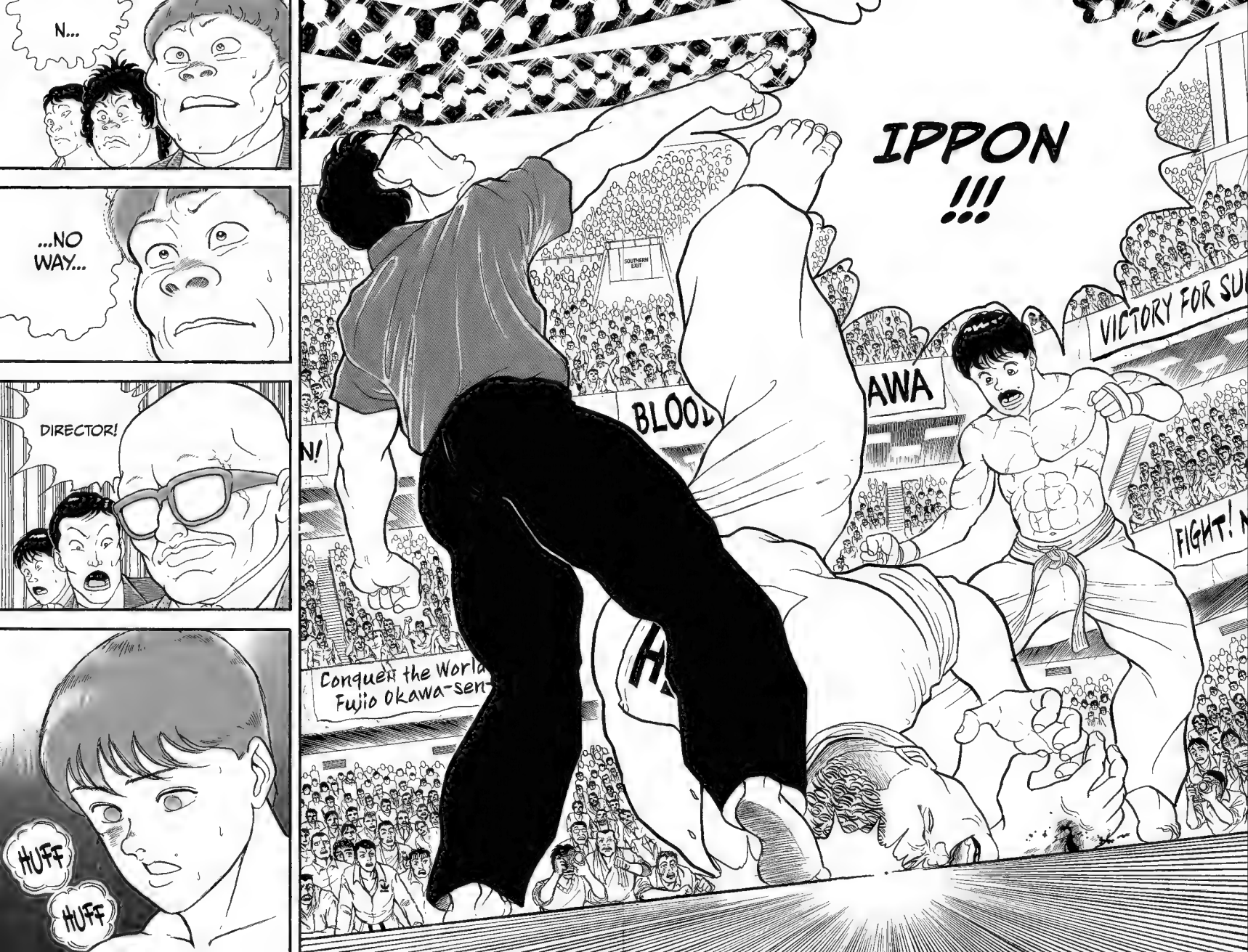
NIM

HA

ENERAL OF WAR
HIDETO KATSUME



#7 Shinshinkai Director, Doppo Orochi


N...
...NO WAY...
DIRECTOR!
HUFF
HUFF
IPPON !!!
SOUTHERN EXIT
VICTORY FOR SU
AWA
BLOOD
FIGHT! N
Conquer the World
Fujio Okawa-sen

SUEDO HAS BEEN UTTERLY DEFEATED!

S...

HE FALLS TO THE HANDS OF A WHITE BELT, BAKI HANMAAAA!

WOOOO オオオ

KRAAH

MONIKA

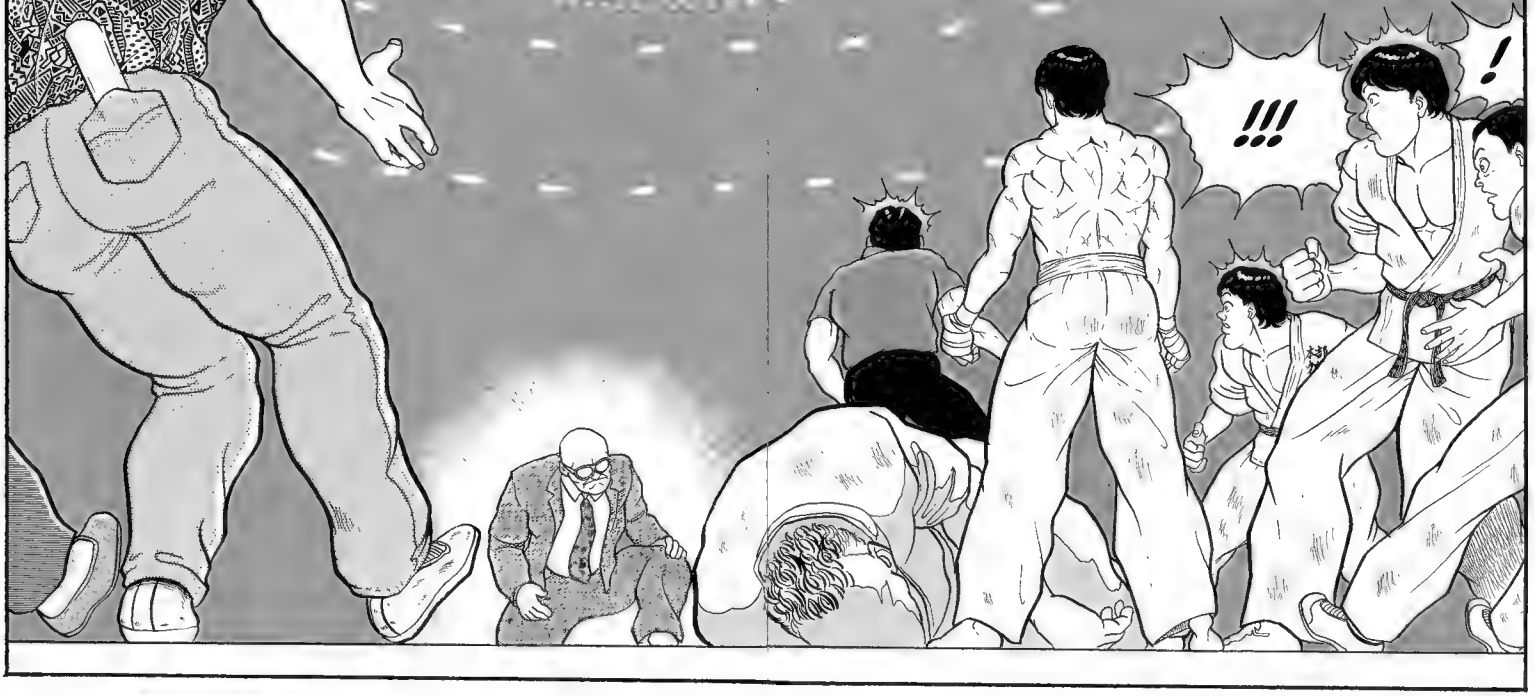
NONE OF THAT WAS FRIGGIN' *KARATE!*

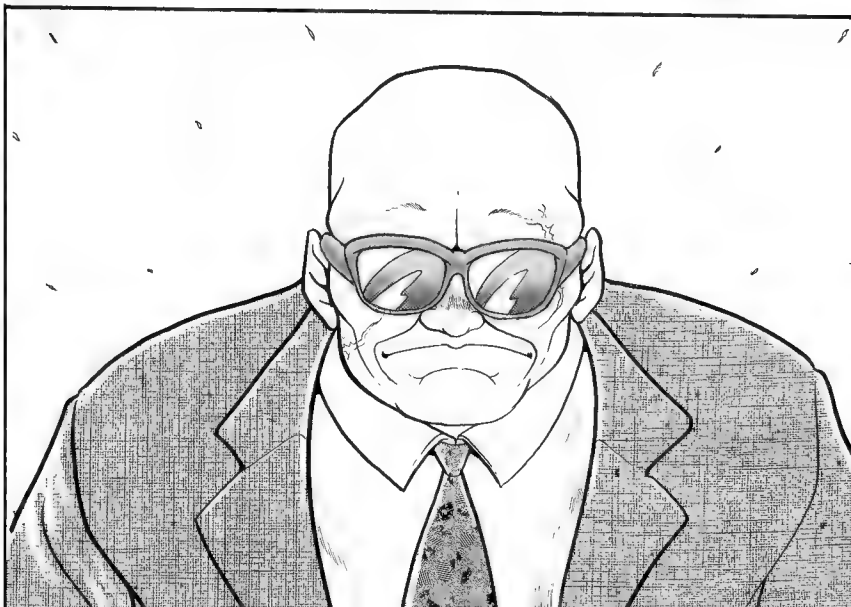
SCREW THAT! DISQUALIFY HIM!

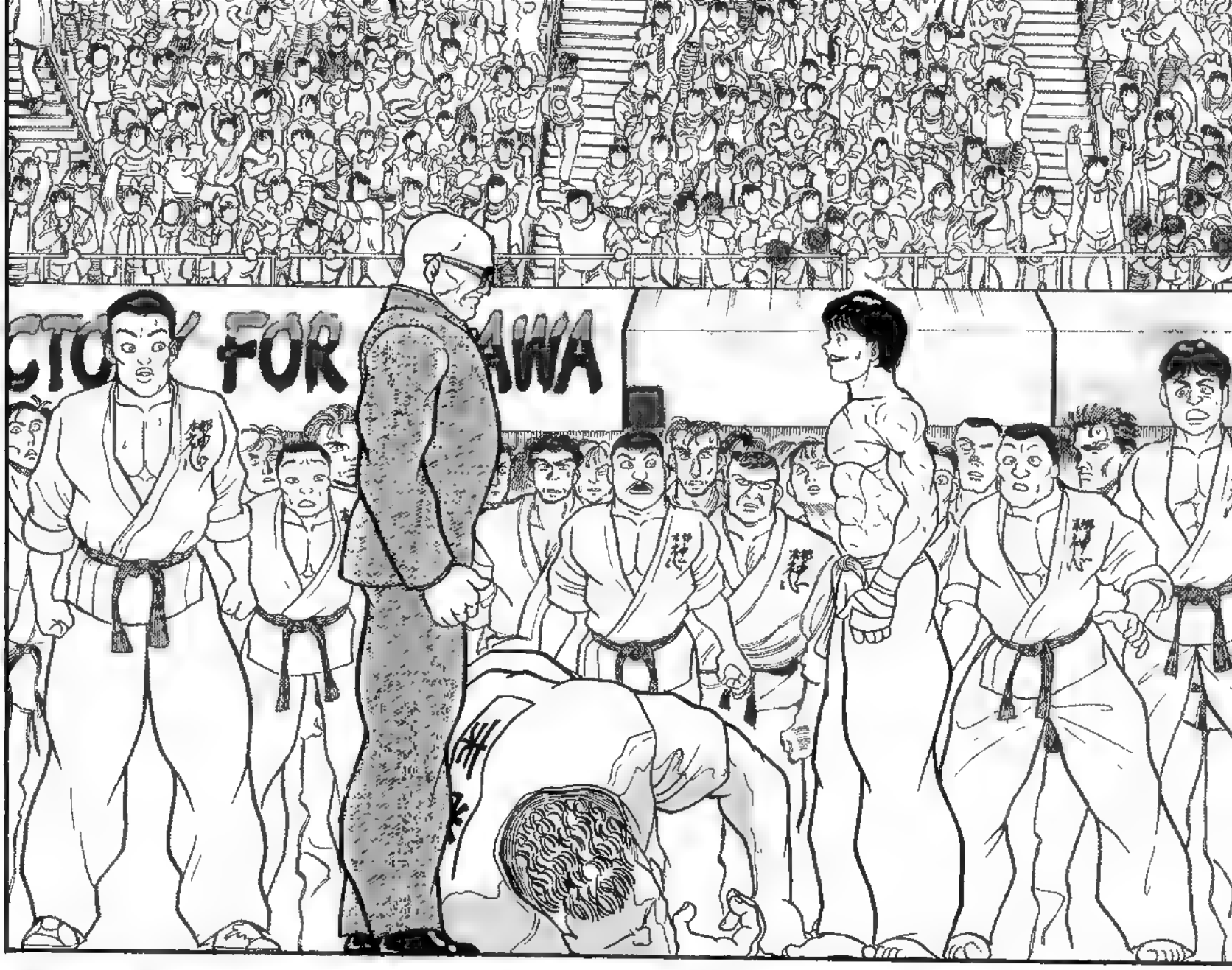
BAKI, LEMME GET A PICTURE!

CONGRATU-LATIONS, HANMA!

H-HEY! ALL OF YOU, STAY OFF THE MAT!






...MARCHING UP AGAINST A LONE WHITE BELT?
JUST WHAT ARE ALL OF YOU BLACK BELTS DOING...
OSU! WE DO *NOT* RECOGNIZE THIS JERK'S WIN!
OSU! THIS GUY *ISN'T* USING KARATE!

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE SHOWING THE TRUE ESSENCE OF KARATE BY GANGING UP ON HIM?

ENOUGH.

TH-THAT'S NOT WHAT WE...

AH... NO...

O-OSU...

BUT...

BUT...

...WHAT?

N-N-
NOTHING,
SIR!!!

...

PARDON
US!

OH!
YES,
SIR!

SAME
FOR
YOU ALL,
TOO.

YES, MY TOURNAMENT *IS* OPEN TO OTHER HAND-TO-HAND MARTIAL ARTISTS...

YOU KNOW THAT?

YOUR HANDS AREN'T CLEAN HERE, EITHER.

AW

...IS *NO* LAUGHING MATTER.

...BUT A PERSON FROM THE ***UNDERGROUND*** ENTERING...

DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME.

...UNDER-GROUND?

U...

THE COUNTLESS SCARS LITTERED ALL OVER YOUR BODY!

THAT WILD TOUGHNESS THAT LETS YOU WITHSTAND CLEAN MID AND HIGH BLOWS!

THOSE MASTERFUL WILES THAT KEPT PLAYING SUEDO FOR A FOOL!

...FIGHTING IN LEGIT, OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS, NO MATTER HOW MANY.

YOU DON'T ACQUIRE SKILLS LIKE *THAT*...

BUT Y'KNOW, THIS ACTUALLY MAKES ME A LITTLE HAPPY.

...IS FIGHTING FULL FORCE IN THAT RUTHLESS, NASTY WORLD.

TO THINK THAT A MERE SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY...

ghting Spirit!!
URA

Go for it!! O

...!

...DON'T YOU, DIRECTOR OROCHI?

YOU REALLY DO KNOW EVERYTHING...

I'M A *FORMER MEMBER.*

WELL, OF COURSE I DO.

WELL, IN ANY CASE...

...

FORMER MEMBER?

I CAN'T AFFORD TO BACK DOWN NOW...

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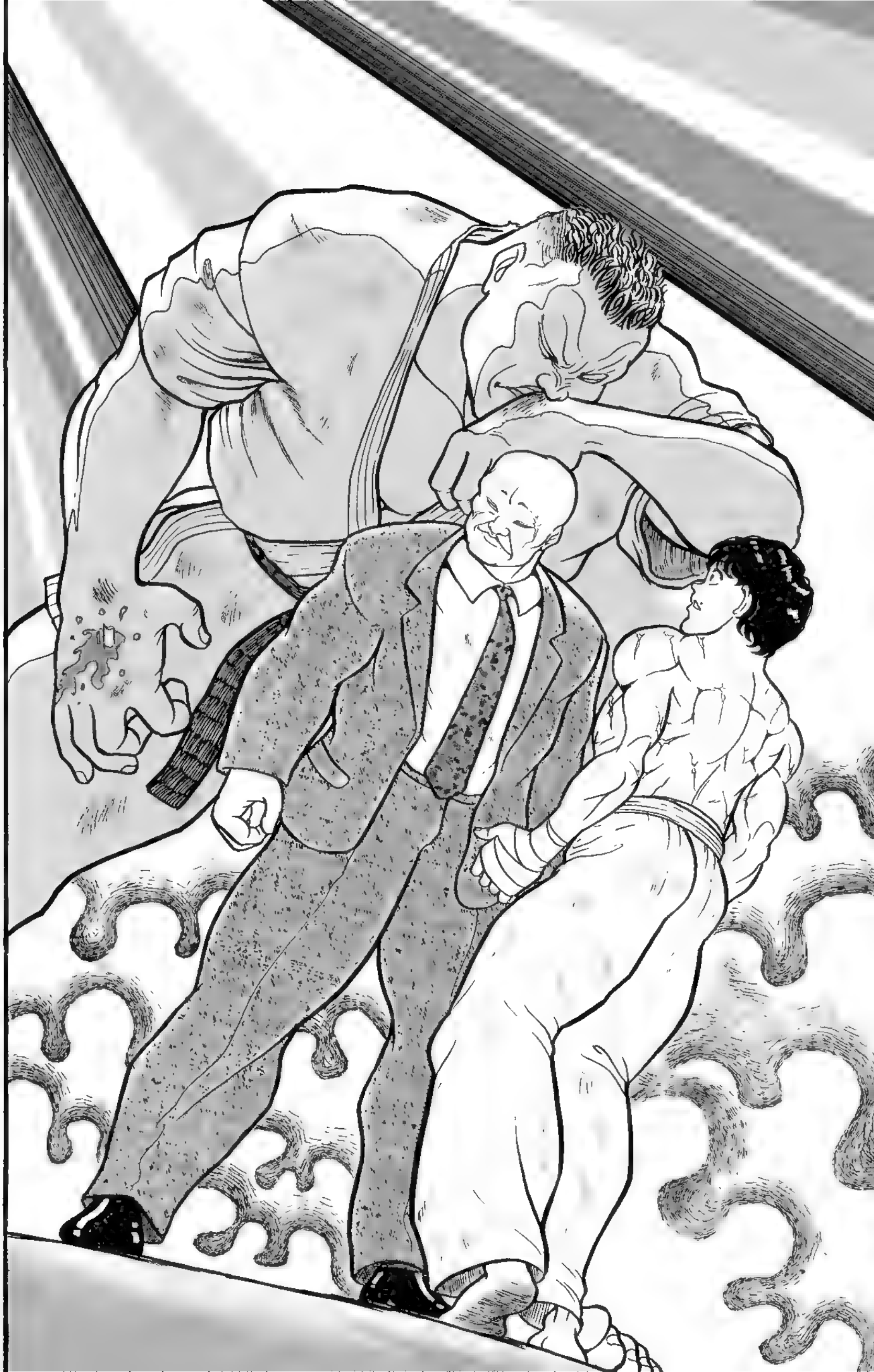


SUEDO!
THE MATCH
IS *OVER!!!*

!!!

THIS...
AIN'T... A...
MATCH...
ANY...
MORE...

...DIREC-
TOR!

D...

Win! Nishikaw

HEY.

Go for it!!
OKAWA FUJI

末堂
YOU DID A GREAT JOB, SUEDO... HM?
YASUYUKI
BOOM!
BREAK THEIR BONES
BLOOD

THAT WAS A GREAT MATCH.
CLENCH...

PLEASE MOVE, DIREC-TOR...

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

TH-THE MATCH ISN'T OVER YET!
HARGH!
K-PI SQUEEZE

UPSY...
DAISY!

YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR BACK.
WELP, THERE YOU HAVE IT, BOY.

#8 Go After Baki!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PRACTICING KARATE?!

...I SENT IN THE APPLICATION TO COMPETE HERE...

WELL, EVER SINCE...

YAMMR

...DID YOU APPLY...?

SO UH, JUST WHEN...

...

...

I GUESS LAST MONTH OR SO.

HMM... LET'S SEE...

...YOU ONLY STARTED KARATE *LAST MONTH*, RIGHT?

U-UM, YOU'RE NOT SAYING...

"LAST MONTH"? HA HA...

WELL... YEAH.

!

SHM

...

...

NOW, SEE HERE, BUDDY...

UNAUTHO-RIZED?

WE'RE THE PRESS, SO WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO INTERVIEW—

NO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FROM THIS POINT ON!

!!
...
NOW YOU *CAN'T* INTERVIEW HIM ANY-MORE.
SHOULD I REVOKE YOUR *PHOTO PRIVILEGES* WHILE I'M AT IT?!

SHF
SHF
SHF

NOT MUCH WE CAN DO IF WE'RE NOT CLEARED TO ENTER!

U-UH-HUH, YEAH...

WE'LL TALK TO YOU LATER...

M-M'KAY, BAKI M'BOY.

I'LL WALK YOU TO THE GREEN ROOM.

OKAY, LET'S GO, CHAMP.

HMPH...

...I COULDN'T SEE THEM *AT ALL.*

THOSE FRONT KICKS A SECOND AGO...

I COULD SEE *YOUR* KICKS JUST FINE.

SUEDO'S DOJO-MATE.

THE NAME'S *KATO.*

...

URGH...
URGH...

BUT I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU FIRST, SO I MADE THEM TAKE A NAP.

...

THESE FOUR WANTED TO MEET YOU...

ズイ。
SHOVE...
範馬
範馬
範馬
CLAP
CLAP

...IN THAT INTERVIEW.

I OVER-HEARD WHAT YOU SAID...

EVERY-THING YOU SAY AND DO!

HEH, WHAT A FUNNY LITTLE BASTARD.

YOU SAID YOU STARTED KARATE LAST MONTH, YEAH?

KA-CHK

IF WINNING IN A MONTH WERE THAT EASY, WHO'S GONNA BOTHER TO PUT IN THE HARD WORK?

I WASN'T LYING, AND I DIDN'T CUT ANY CORNERS EITHER!

HAVE YOU FOUGHT IN ANY COMPETITIONS, MR. KATO?

Y'DON'T SAY. WELL, THAT SURE IS SOMETHIN'!

...IT DOESN'T RELATE TO REAL STRENGTH AT ALL.

DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY COMPETITIONS YOU TAKE WITH THESE PRETEND PLAYTIME RULES...

REAL KARATE IS ABOUT TARGETING THE EYES, THE NUTS, THE THROAT, AND THE PHILTRUM.

LISTEN, DO YOU KNOW WHAT KARATE REALLY IS?

I WOULD'VE HAD EVEN MORE FUN IF YOU ENTERED...

THAT'S TOO BAD.

SLAM

IF YOU WANTED...
...TO HAVE FUN *THAT* BADLY...
THEN *NOW* IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY...
...TO *ENTERTAIN* YOU.
D-DOOMF

H-HEY, WAIT.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

SHU

SHU

SHU

SHU

SHU

I'D RATHER NOT SAY.

SHU

...THEN WE DON'T *HAVE* TO TALK.

IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE TALKING...

JOLT

JUST STAY *RIGHT* THERE.

YOU'RE THAT HANMA KID, RIGHT?

CAN I TALK TO YA FOR A SECOND?
FSH
HEY, OLD BAG!
GRAB
GONK

OHO...

DOOSH

WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A PRIVATE CONVERSATION, BUDDY. BEAT IT BEFORE YOU GET BEAT.

TODAY'S REALLY MY LUCKY DAY...

NOW I GET TO ***DEVOUR*** TWO TASTY BRATS...

EXCUSE ME.

MAN, SHEESH...

GET BACK HERE!

H-HEY, DAMMIT!

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TRAIN IN PEACE IN THERE.

#9 The Mighty Begin to Stir!

MR. KATO, EH?

I'LL HAVE TO CHECK HIM OUT...

PAGING BAKI HANMA!

BAKI!

PLEASE REPORT TO THE ARENA NOW!!!

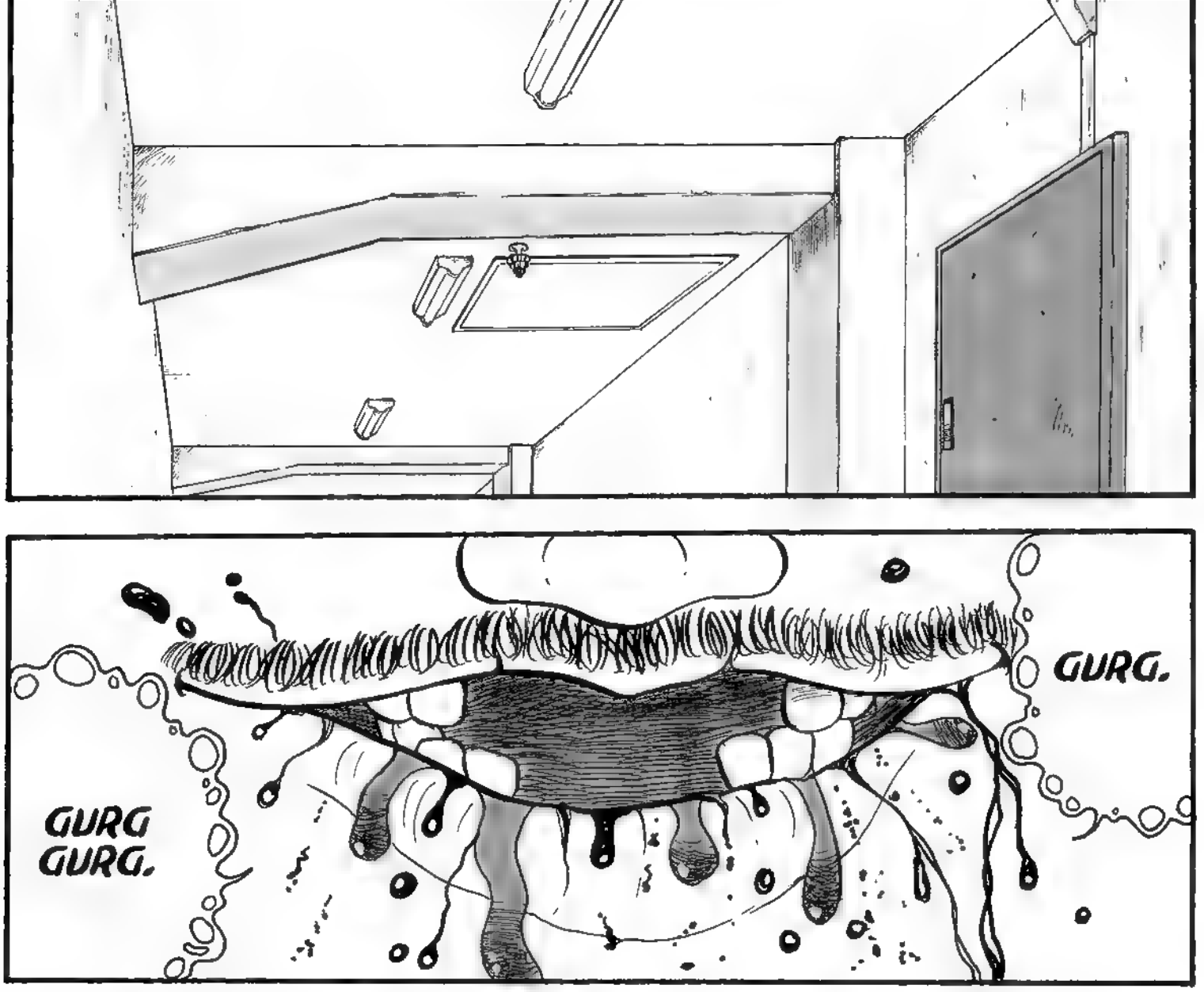
THE AWARDS CEREMONY IS BEGINNING!

AND MY GLORIOUS SHINSHINKAI ...

GOOD GRIEF... HE'S REALLY MADE ME LOOK LIKE A CHUMP...

THAT... SON OF A... BITCH...

PAGING BAKIIII!



GURG.
GURG
GURG.

THAT'S GONNA COST YOU...

GURGLE
...

QUIT TRYING TO LOOK COOL, DUMBASS!

"KID," WHAT A JOKE!!!

...KID.

LOOK AT WHAT YOU DID TO ME...

YOU S.O.B.S LET THAT BRAT GET AWAY!

BWOOSH

HEH HEH, DID YOU HEAR THAT, SENSEI?

SHIEHHH!!
WOOSH
GRAP
PASH

YOINK
GRIP

A GYAKU-WAZA REVERSAL ?!

DM DM DM

I THINK I'LL BREAK IT.

WSH

TMD

ズル
SLIP
WHAP
すぽッ
ドキュッ

OHO...

TH-THESE GUYS AREN'T USIN' KARATE...

SLAAM

PINCH...

URK ...

FOR SOMEONE SO YOUNG...

YOU MANAGED TO THROW A KICK FROM THAT POSITION, EH?

YEEK!

...YOU SURE ARE WELL-TRAINED.

SLAM

OKAY...

I CAN'T RUSH AT HIM!

SLAM

...

...ARE REALLY WEAK.

YOU...

Y-YES, SIR.

WATCH CLOSELY.

SHWOOF

NGH...!

THIS IS HOW YOU PACIFY KARATE.

WELL, WELL, WELL.

...MOTOBE.

I SEE YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL...

MOTO...

MO... TO... BE...

...

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO STAND BEFORE A ***LEGEND***, KATO?

THE MAN WHO PURSUES TRULY PRACTICAL JUJUTSU, UNBOUND TO ANY SCHOOL...

ANYONE WHO PRACTICES MARTIAL ARTS HAS HEARD HIS NAME AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE.

...IZO MOTOBE !!!

HOW MANY KARATEKA HAVE FALLEN TO THIS MAN? TEN, TWENTY? NO, UNDOUBTEDLY MORE.

I JUST BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF A JUJUTSU PRACTITIONER A SECOND AGO!

QUIT JOKING AROUND, DIRECTOR!

THAT'S LIKE COMPARING THE *LITTLE LEAGUES* TO THE *MAJORS.*

*HEH HEH HEH. HE'S COMPARING **MOTOBE** TO **KITO**, HUH?*

YOU'VE CERTAINLY CHANGED.

...HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?

A-YUP! I AM THE LEADER OF A MILLION DISCIPLES...

YOU BARELY RESEMBLE THE MAN ONCE KNOWN AS *MAN-EATER OROCHI.*

HOW DARE YOU INSULT THE DIRECTOR...

WHY, YOU!

IT WOULD TAKE ME ONE MINUTE TO KILL YOU RIGHT NOW.

HEH HEH... WHAT A MORON...

W...

DID I INSULT HIM...?
!
HM?
PINCH
KRAK
SO WHAT ?

BAAAM
KATO, IS IT?

THIS CROWD'S GOTTEN TOO BIG FOR ME.

スタ "SH- "DM "DM

BE SURE TO KEEP UP YOUR TRAINING, NOW.

LET'S SAVE OUR FIGHT FOR ANOTHER TIME...

HE'S GETTING EVERYONE TO COME OUT OF THE WOODWORK.

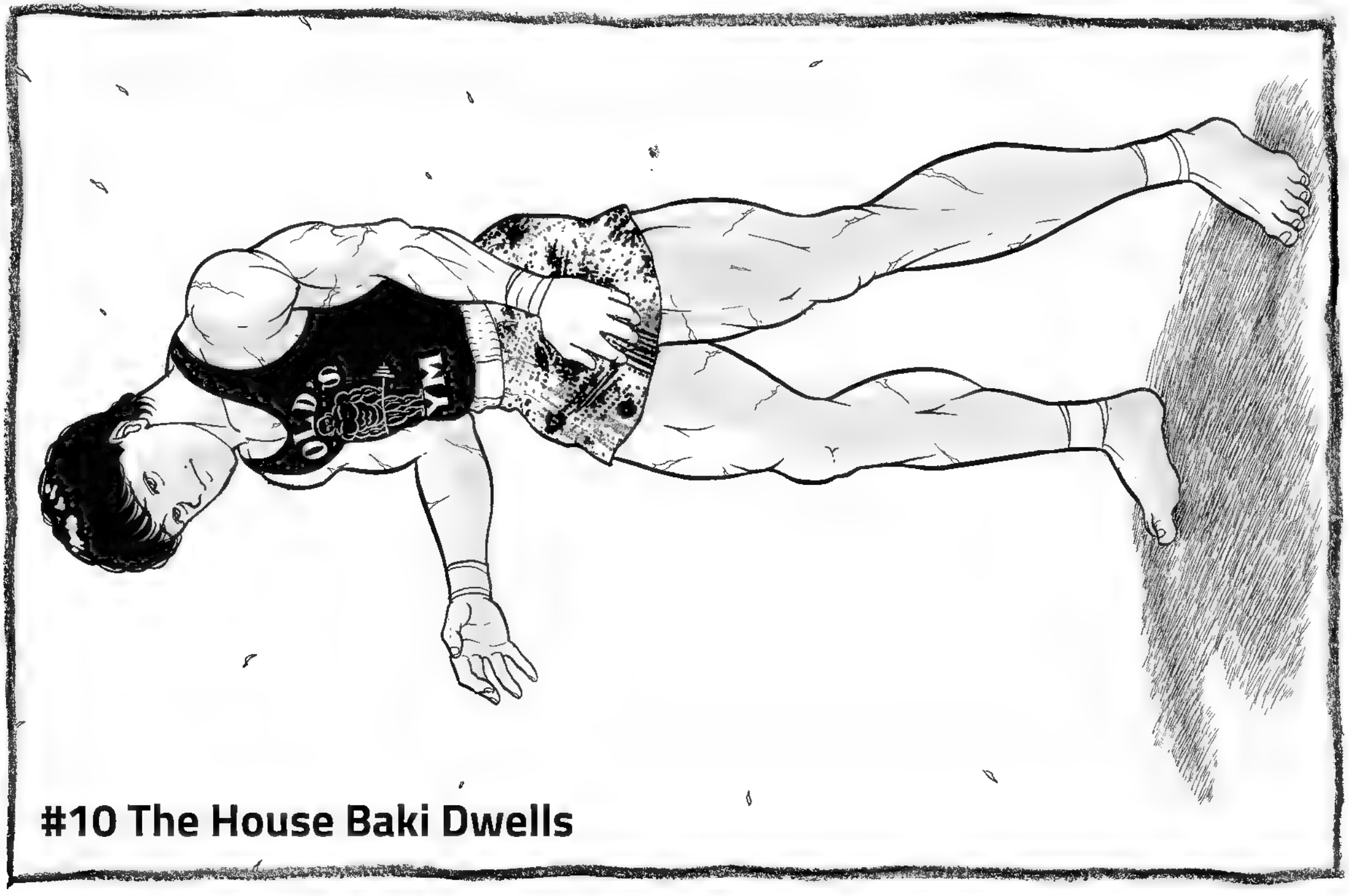
DAMN THAT BAKI HANMA.

...

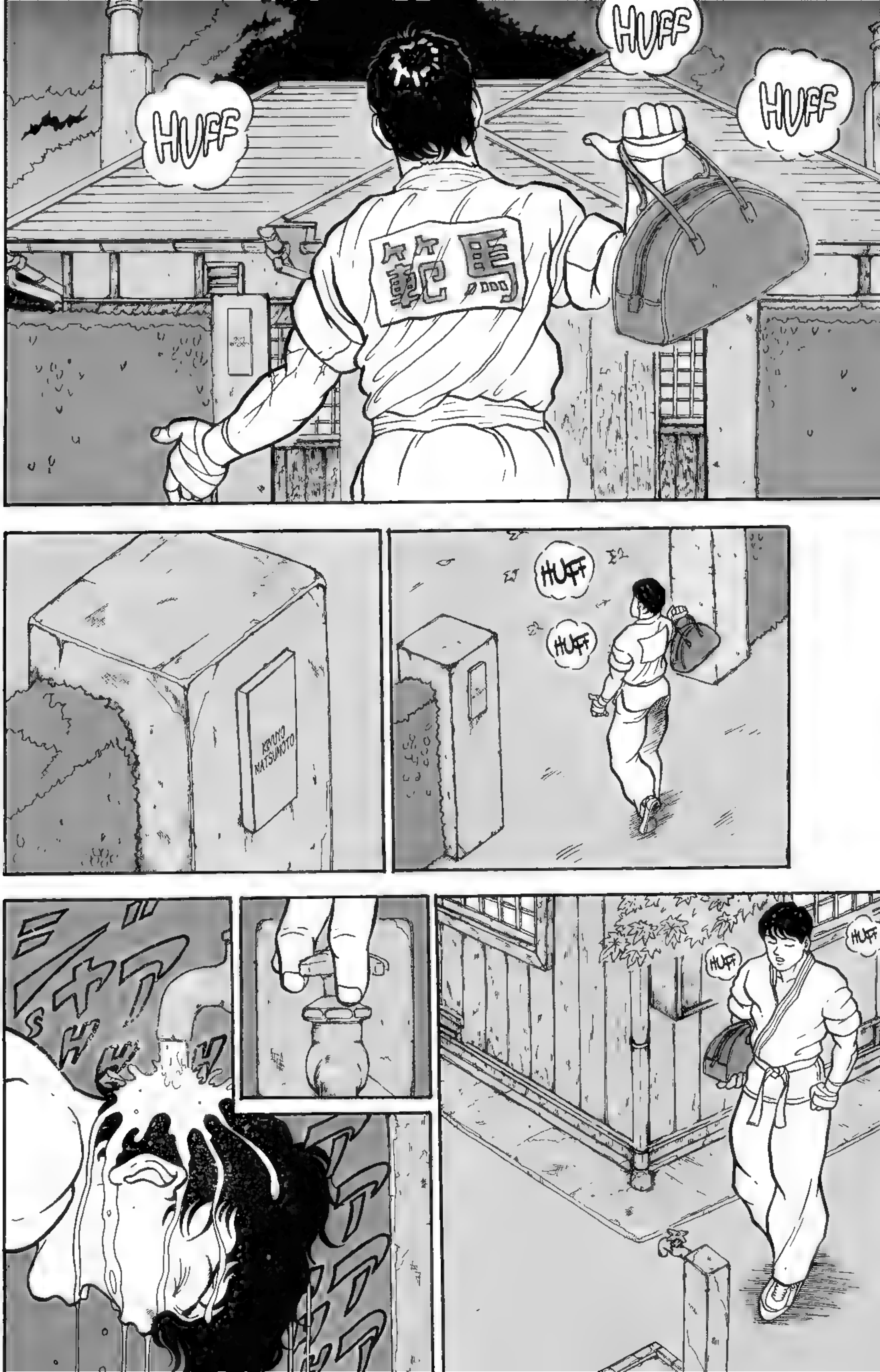
GRK!

HEH HEH...

八王子 14km
Hachioji
20
立 川 5 km
Tachikawa
HOTEL
INE
YEEE-EESH.
I SHOULD'VE JUST TAKEN THE TRAIN...!
HAAA



#10 The House Baki Dwells


HUFF
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範馬
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MATSUMOTO
HUFF
HUFF

WELCOME BACK.

UM... ABOUT THE RENT...

M-MS. LAND-LADY!

OH!

OH, DON'T WORRY. I CAN WAIT UNTIL YOU GET PAID.

TH-THANKS, MA'AM...

TO YOU-KNOW-WHERE?

BACK FROM ANOTHER TRIP TO THAT PLACE...?

AH, NO... I WAS AT THE BUDOKAN FOR KARATE...

LOOKS LIKE THEY TREATED YOU PRETTY ROUGH.

YEAH, GOT A MOLAR KNOCKED OUT...

YOU SHOULD RINSE YOUR MOUTH WITH SALT WATER.

THAT'S WHAT MY HUSBAND USED TO DO.

I'LL DO JUST THAT.

RIGHT...

...

YOU'RE GOING TO GET KILLED ONE OF THESE DAYS.

!

SAME AS MY HUSBAND ...

OKAY! NOW, TURN AROUND.

OH, UH... I CAN DO IT MYSELF, MA'AM.

HE'D COME BACK FROM THAT PLACE...

...ALL BATTERED AND BRUISED.

NO NEED TO BE SO SHY! ♡

BOXERS, AIKIDOKA...

IT'D BE A JUDOKA THIS TIME. A KARATEKA THE NEXT.

HIS OPPONENTS WERE ALWAYS DIFFERENT...

...AND HE NEVER ONCE CAME BACK UNSCATHED.

...LIKE HE WAS THE TOUGHEST KID IN SCHOOL WHO JUST WON A FIGHT. BUT THAT WAS OUR LAST TIME TOGETHER.

ONE DAY, HE CAME HOME SO PROUD AND TRIUMPHANT...

...AND WITH A BLISSFUL SMILE ON HIS FACE, HE...

LEAVING OUR ONLY CHILD, KOZUE, BEHIND...

...

OKAY! YOU'RE ALL SET!

WHPSH

U-UM, MA'AM ...

...

BRING DOWN SOME SALT WATER!

OH, KOZUEEEE!

...

HE-HE...

I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW!

KOZUEEEE!

THE TYPE WHO'D NEVER EVEN *DREAM* OF FIGHTING ...

THAT GIRL IS A PACIFIST.

A-ooo CHOO!

I'LL SEND SUPPER OVER TO YOU.

GET SOME REST IN YOUR APARTMENT.

SORRY TO GIVE YOU MORE WORK...

KLIK

ZM ZM...

PERK

MUSASHIIIIII!

HEEEEY!

I just gave him lunch. I haven't given him dinner yet. Kozue

HM?

I just gave him lunch. I haven't given him dinner yet. Kozue

...

WHY, AREN'T YOU A LUCKY DOG!

GOOD, ISN'T IT?

SOY MILK IS GOOD FOR THE BODY, Y'KNOW!

SOY MILK

LAP LAP SLRP

EXCUSE ME...

BROWN ONIGIRI AND KOMBU.

HERE... MY MOM MADE THESE...

OOH, HEY, KOZUE.

THANK YOUUU! ♡

WOW!

BAKI.

...

SO GOOD.

OO-OH!

...WHICH MUST BE REALLY TOUGH ON YOU...

I KNOW YOU TRAIN HARD EVERY DAY AND WORK A PART-TIME JOB...

...BUT I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD STOP BY OUR SCHOOL EVENTS EVERY NOW AND THEN.

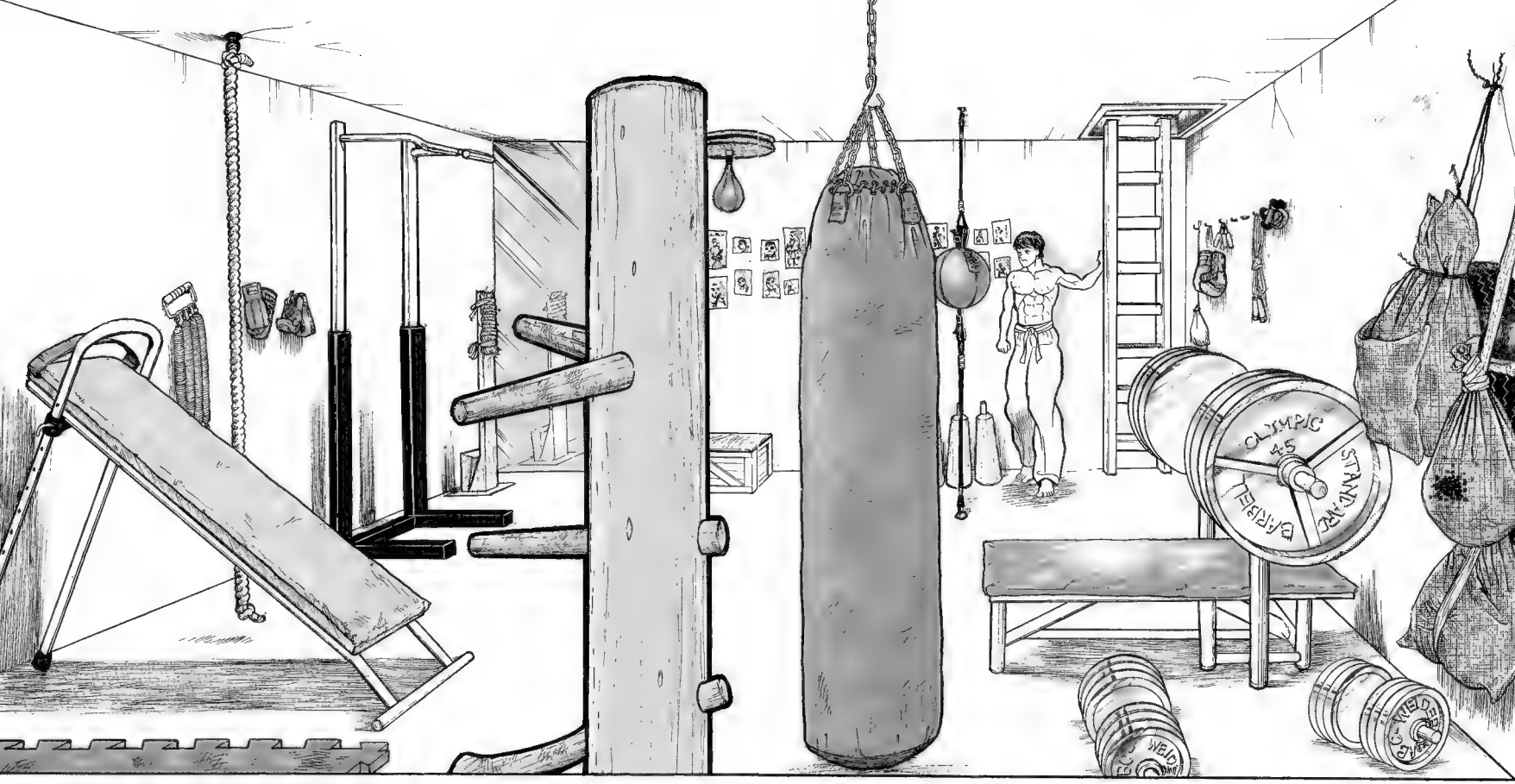
...

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU...

RIGHT. ♡ OKAY!

A-AH... EVENTS...

YOU CAN LEAVE THE PLATE IN THE DOORWAY.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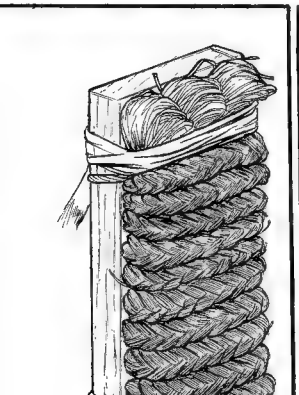
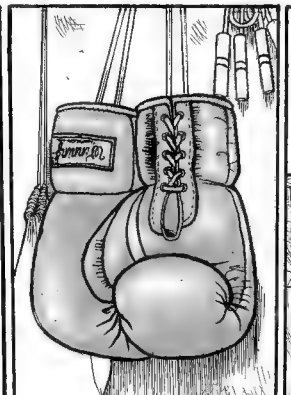
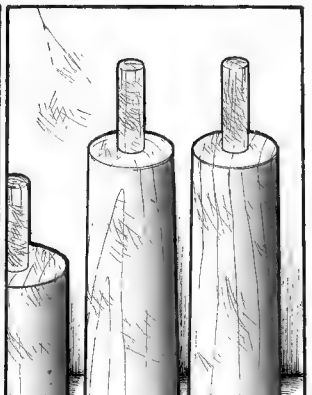
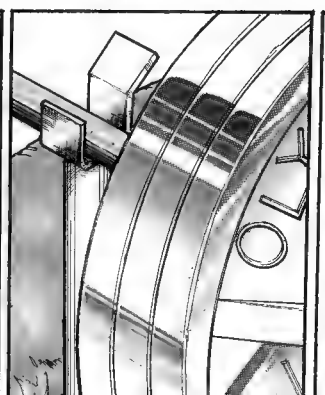








SQUK SQUK

MR. SUEDO.

IF I LOSE THIS UPCOMING BATTLE...

BAM

...YOU WERE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND KARATE IN SUCH A SHORT TIME...

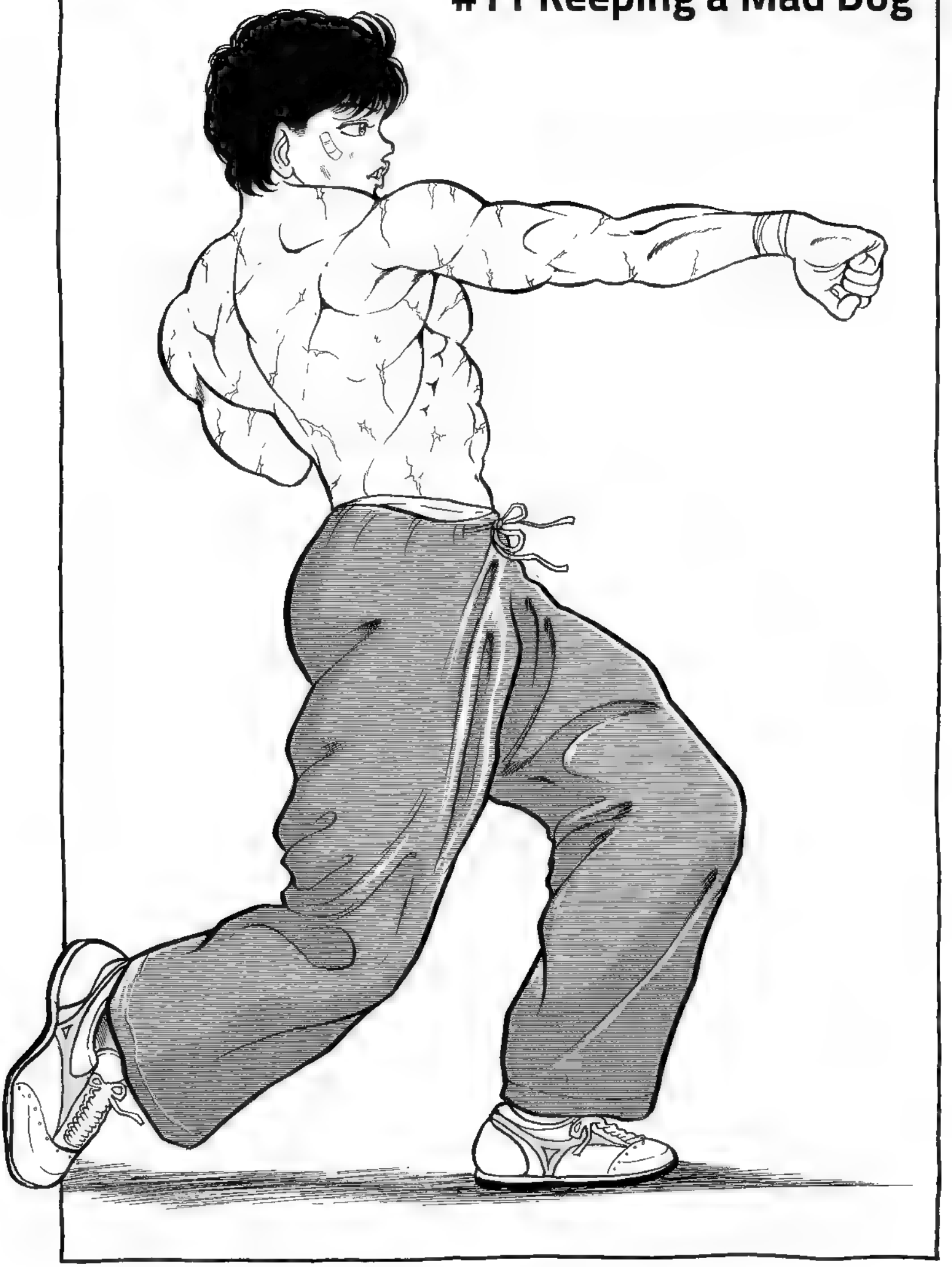
KLAK

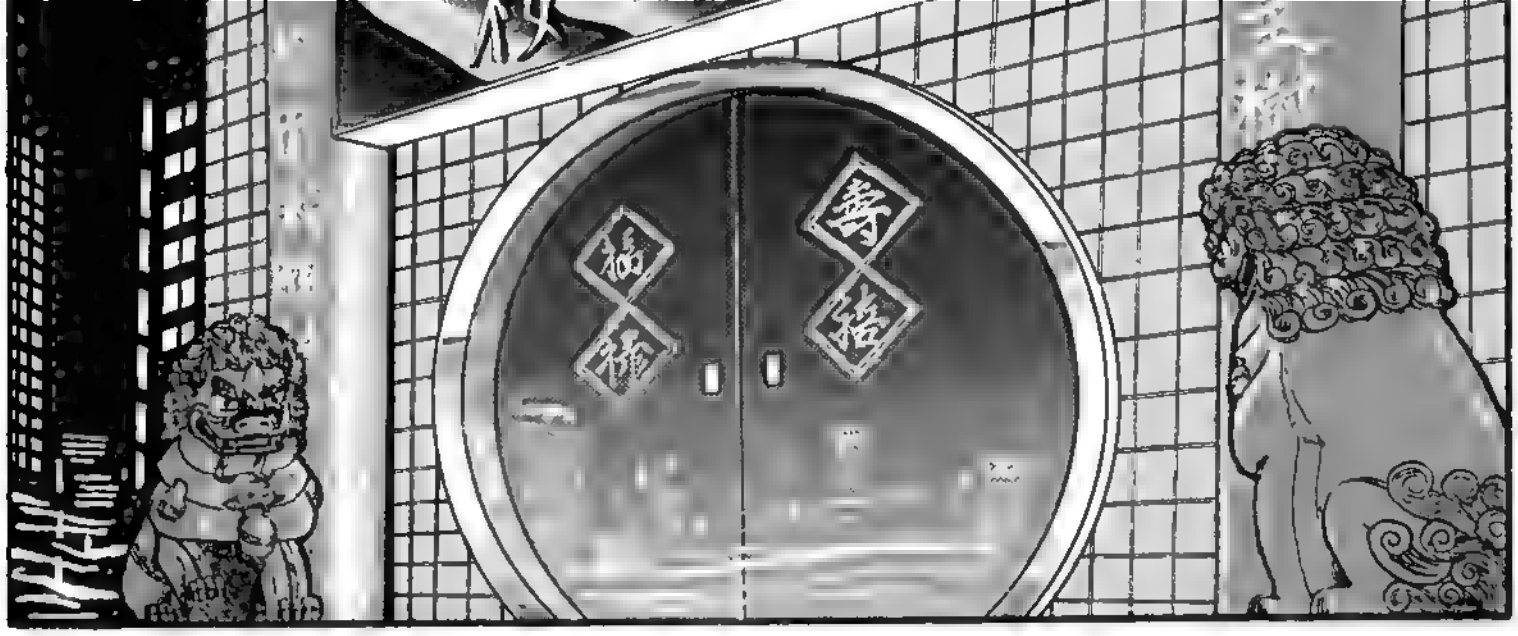
...I BET SUEDO WILL BE PRETTY MAD AT ME!

SHAK

THE GRAPPLER
BAKI
THE GRAPPLER
BAKI

#11 Keeping a Mad Dog

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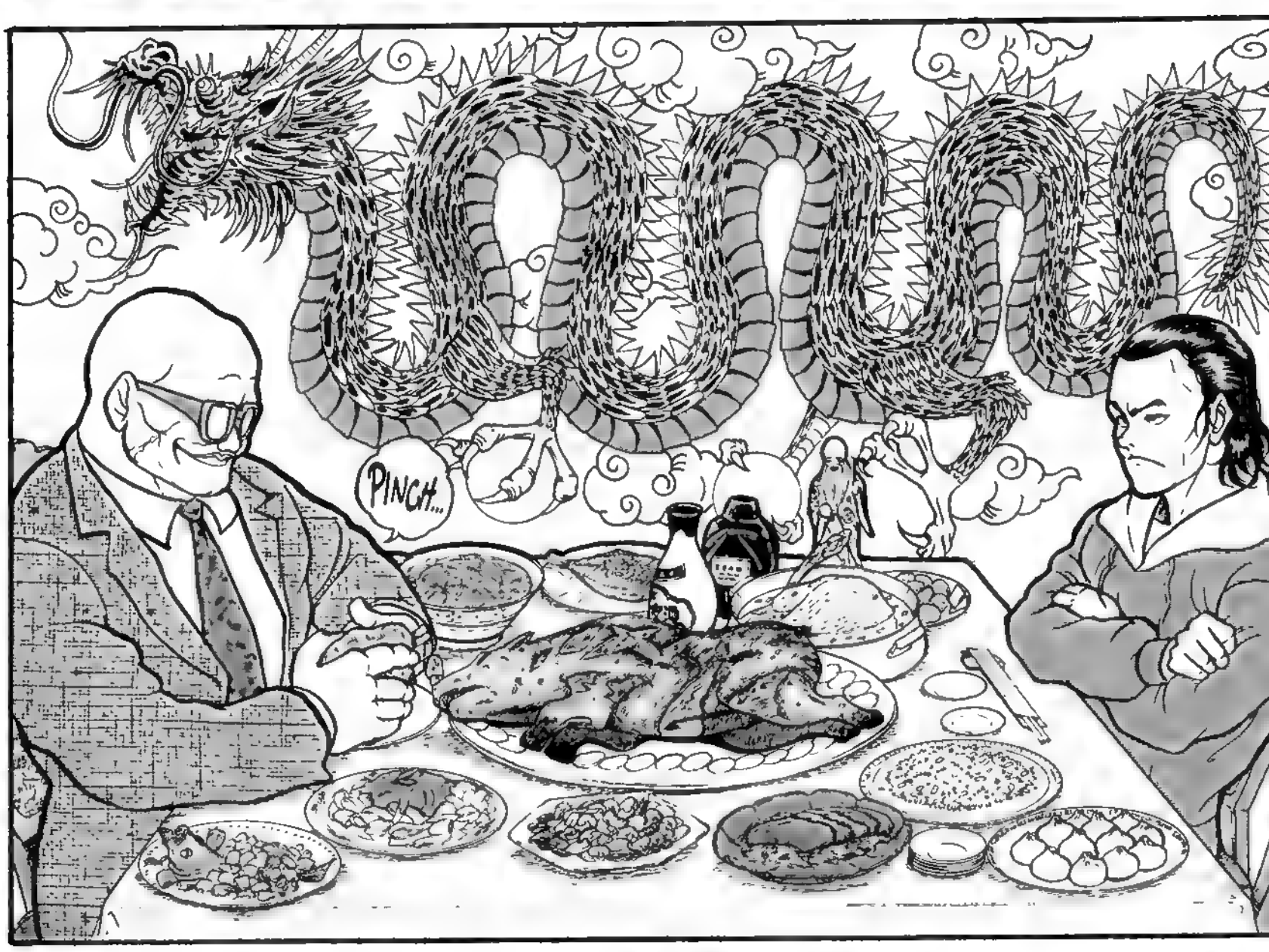
PINCH...

SLURP
SLURRRP

KLOP

I RESERVED A PRIVATE ROOM AND EVERYTHING...

WHAT'S WRONG? AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?

I KNOW YOU HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE WASTE TIME TOO!

IF YOU GOT BUSINESS WITH ME, THEN JUST SAY IT ALREADY!

DIRECTOR DOPPO!

...

SINCE I LAST SAW YOU, THAT IS.

IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS, YES?

FWOOO FWOOO

SHLURRRP SHLP SLLP

DON'T TELL ME YOU DID ALL THIS JUST CAUSE YOU WERE FEELIN' NOSTALGIC ?!

LET ME GUESS. YOU WERE A YAKUZA BODY-GUARD.

CHOMP

SO... WHERE DID YOU GO FOR THREE WHOLE YEARS...?

HEH... SOMEWHERE WAY MORE FUN THAN SOME DOJO.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, IT WAS *TEN TIMES* MORE THRILLING THAN GOING TO A DOJO!

...SHOULD I TAKE YOU ON?

IF THRILLS ARE WHAT YOU'RE AFTER...

PINCH...

YOU WANT TO TAKE *ME* ON ?!

HA HA HA HA!

MY KARATE WAS HONED IN REAL-ASS FIGHTS AGAINST GATS AND SHIVS!

IT'D BE A JOKE TO GO BACK TO THAT PLAYTIME KARATE WHERE YOU CAN'T EVEN HIT PEOPLE IN THE FACE!

I'M OUTTA HERE...

AND *THAT* IS EXACTLY WHY YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO INHERIT MY TECHNIQUES.

WANT TO TRY SQUARING OFF AGAINST ME, KATO?

...IS TEN TIMES MORE THRILLING THAN FACING DOWN A *PISTOL.*

MY KARATE...

KRNCH

FACE ME AND FIND OUT.

THRILLING *HOW...?*

WHENEVER YOU WANT...

SLURRP SLRP...

...CAN WE HAVE THIS LITTLE MATCH?

OKAY... THEN WHEN...

KA-DWAM
KRAAAK
VWP

SLURP

HEH!

AH!

TMP

TCH!

GROIN HITS WON'T WORK ON ME. ♡

SEEMS LIKE YOUR *GUN* AND *KATANA*-HONED FIGHTING ISN'T ALL THAT EFFECTIVE.

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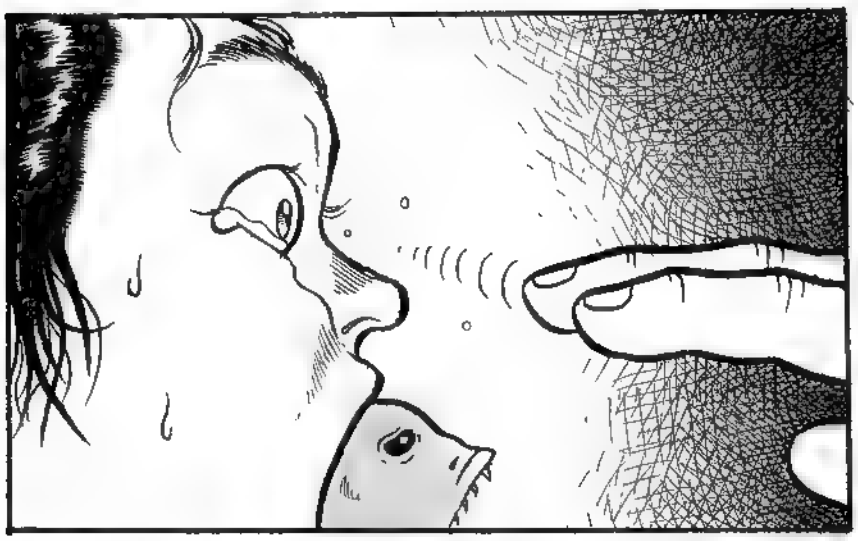


YOU KNOW, THEY SAY OKINAWAN KARATE HAS A TECHNIQUE CALLED *KOTSUKAKE* THAT RETRACTS YOUR TESTICLES INTO YOUR ABDOMEN.

HUH?

HM ?

KOFF

...

CARE TO JOIN ME ONCE AGAIN?

SAY, KATO...

SURE, IF YOU HAVE THE GUTS TO GET IN THE RING WITH BAKI...

A-ARE YOU GOING TO TEACH ME?! YOURSELF ?!

YOU WANT TO GET EVEN *STRONGER*, DON'T YOU?

I-IN THE RING WITH BAKI...?

...NO HOLDS BARRED!!

IT WOULD BE...

KILLING TECHNIQUES CAN BE USED. THAT'S WHY YOU NEED TRAINING!

...AND NOT A DAMN SOUL WILL COMPLAIN.

YOU CAN GOUGE PEOPLE'S EYES OUT, CRUSH THEIR BALLS INTO PASTE...

YOU'D PROVE YOURSELF AT THE PLACE THAT DETERMINES THE ***STRONGEST MAN*** ALIVE.

BASICALLY, YOU'D BE IN A BRAWL— ***A REAL FIGHT.***

YOU...

I CAN SEE YOU DROOLING.

WELL?

WHEN IT COMES TO FIGHTING, I'M *ALWAYS* SERIOUS.

...YOU'RE NOT PULLING MY LEG, RIGHT?

BAKI...

THAN BOTH ME *AND* BAKI!!!

YOU CAN GET STRONGER!

...

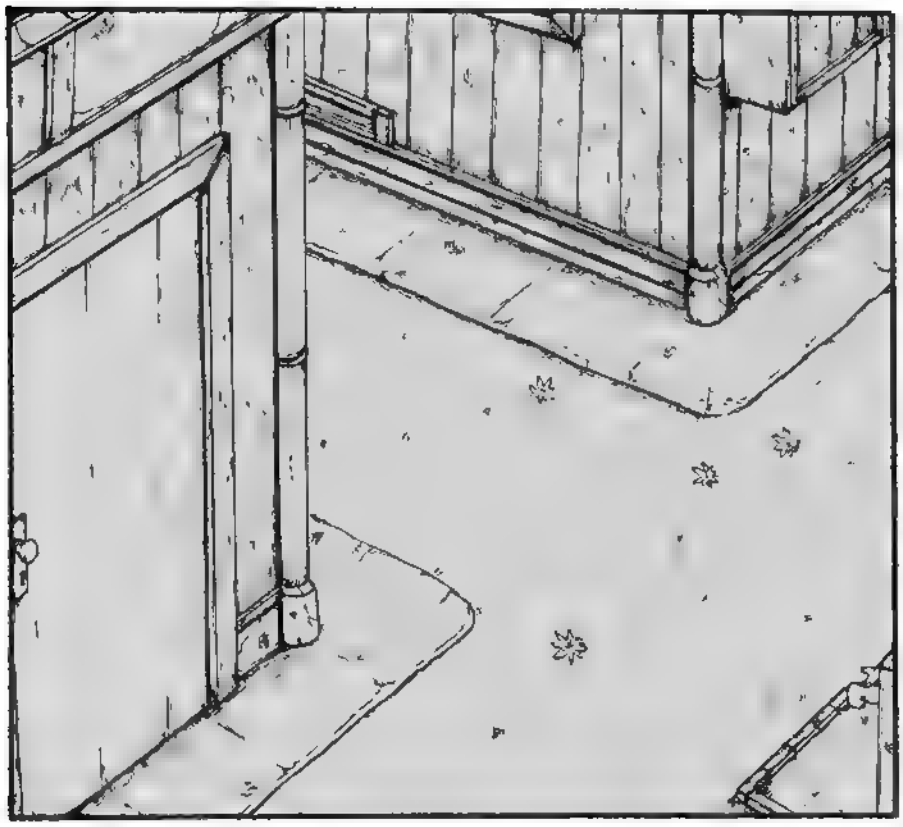
YOU'VE GOT GOOSEBUMPS, DON'T YOU?

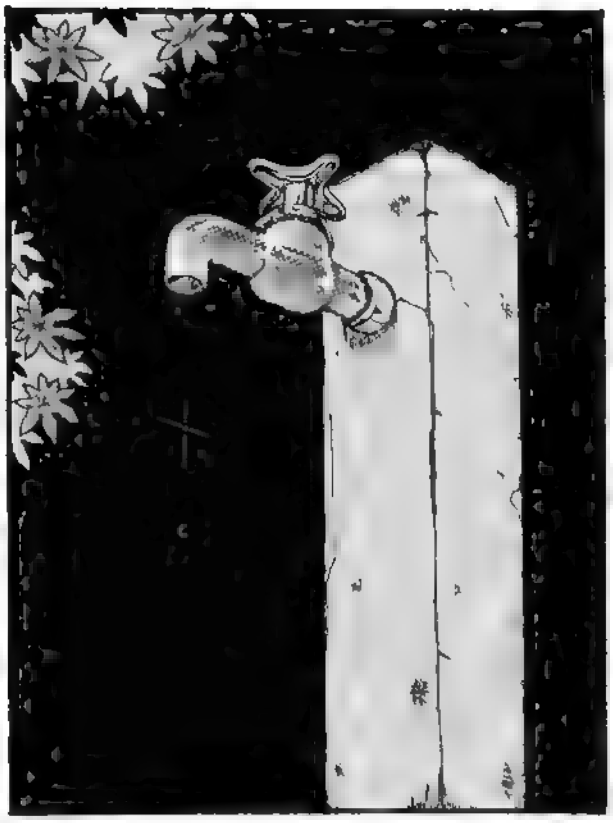
LOOKS LIKE YOUR BODY IS GIVING YOU NO CHOICE...

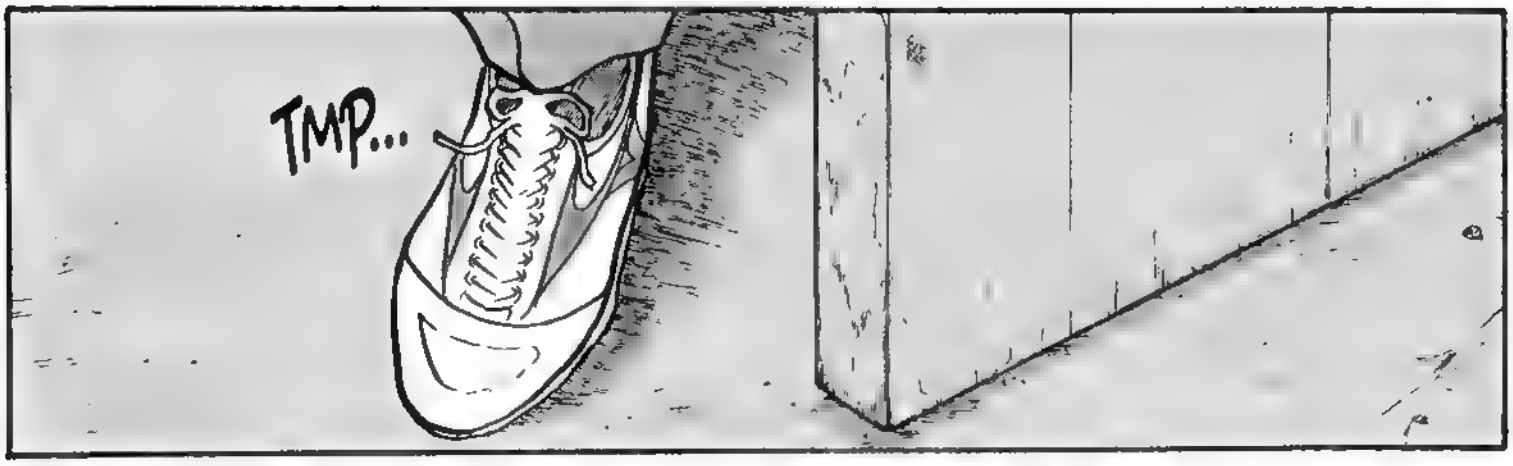
...BUT TO STUDY UNDER ME AGAIN.

YOU LOVE IT TOO, DON'T YOU?

KEH HEH HEH HEH!






TMP...

TMP...

WHEW, IT'S FREEZIN'!

I'M PUSHING MYSELF TO 30 KM AS OF TODAY.

HEY, MUSASHI...

IF YOU TUCKER OUT HALFWAY, I'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND!

...

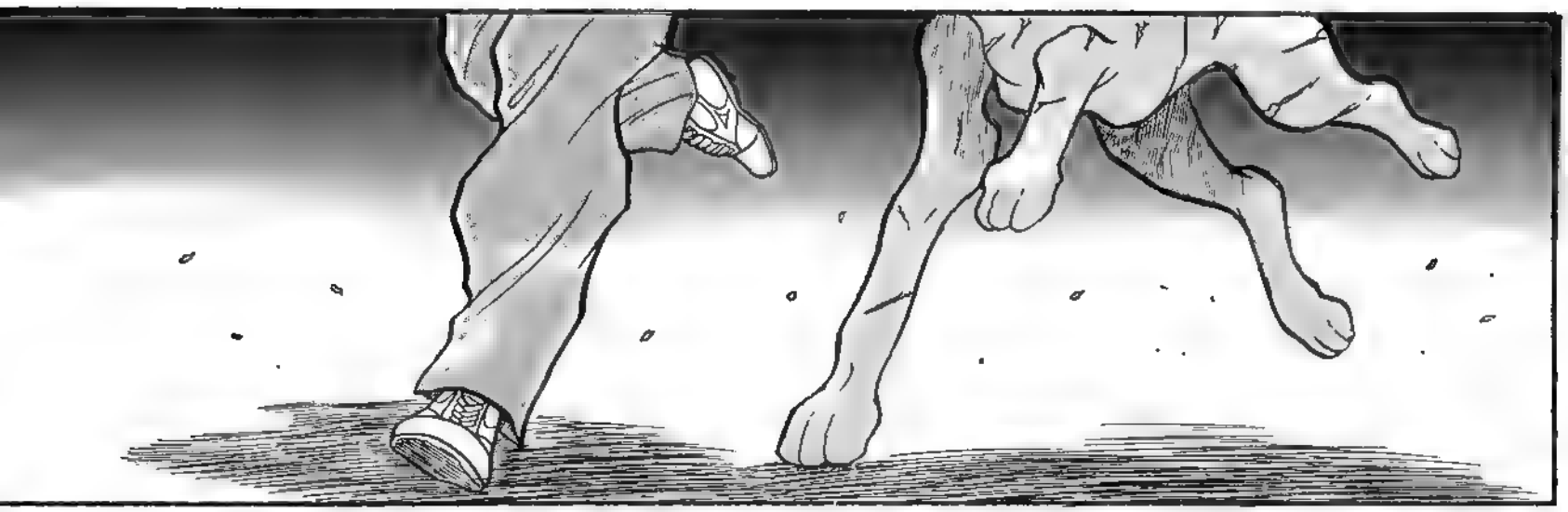
OKAY, LET'S GO!

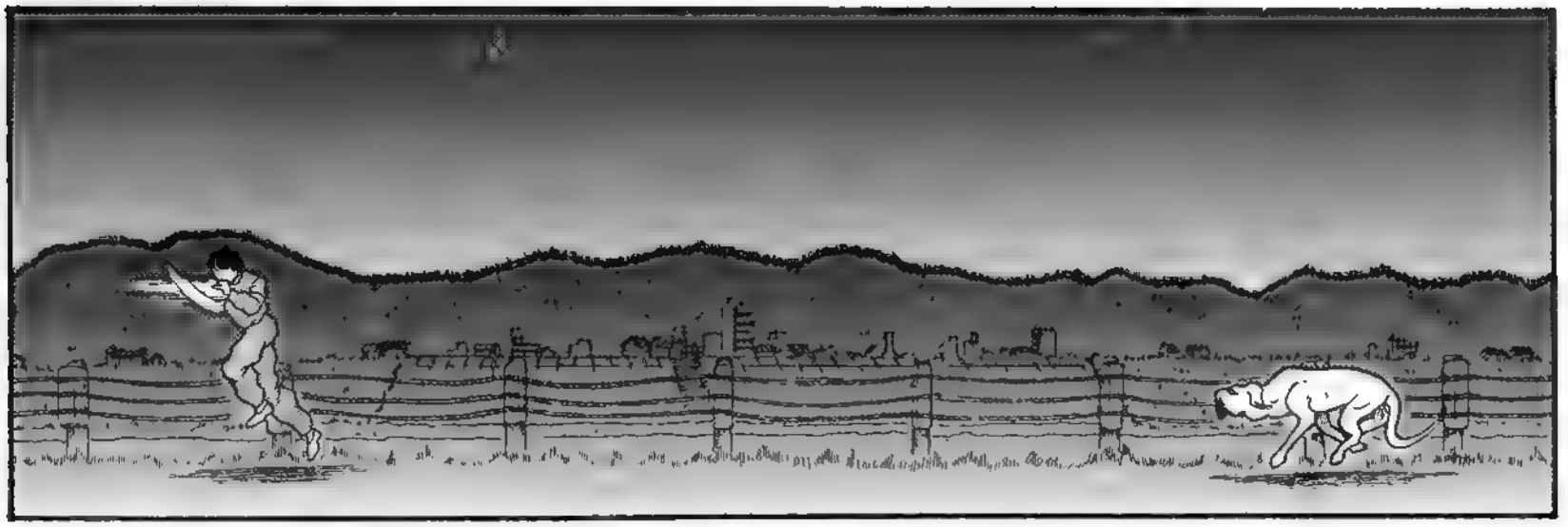
FSH

FSH

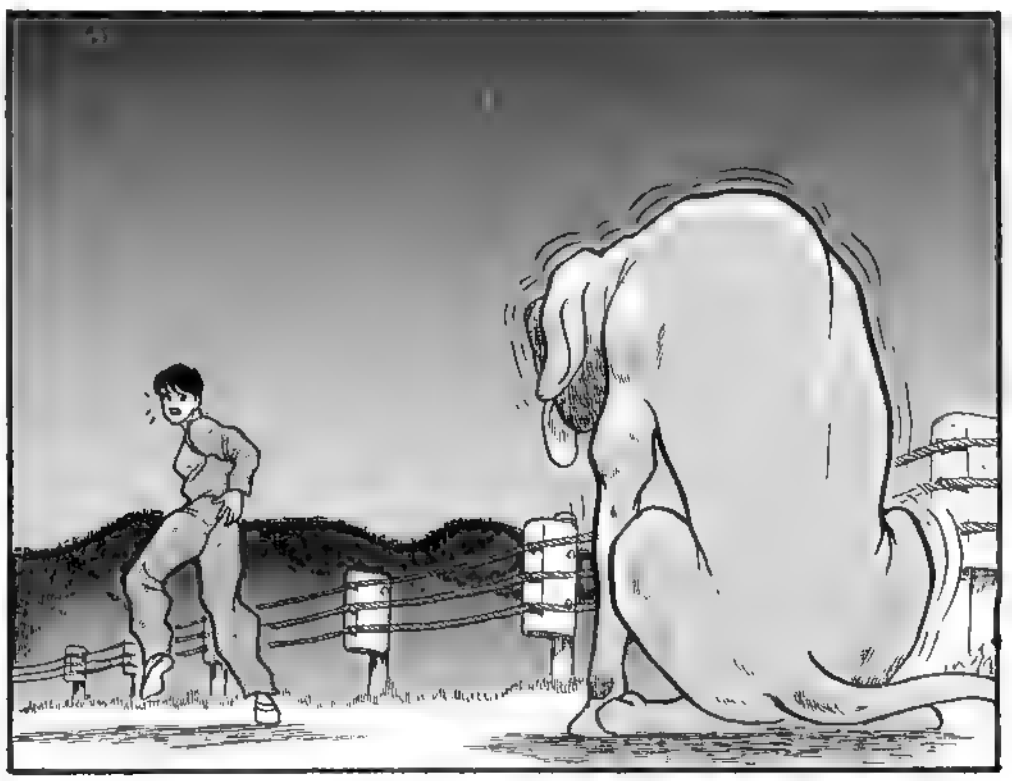
FSH

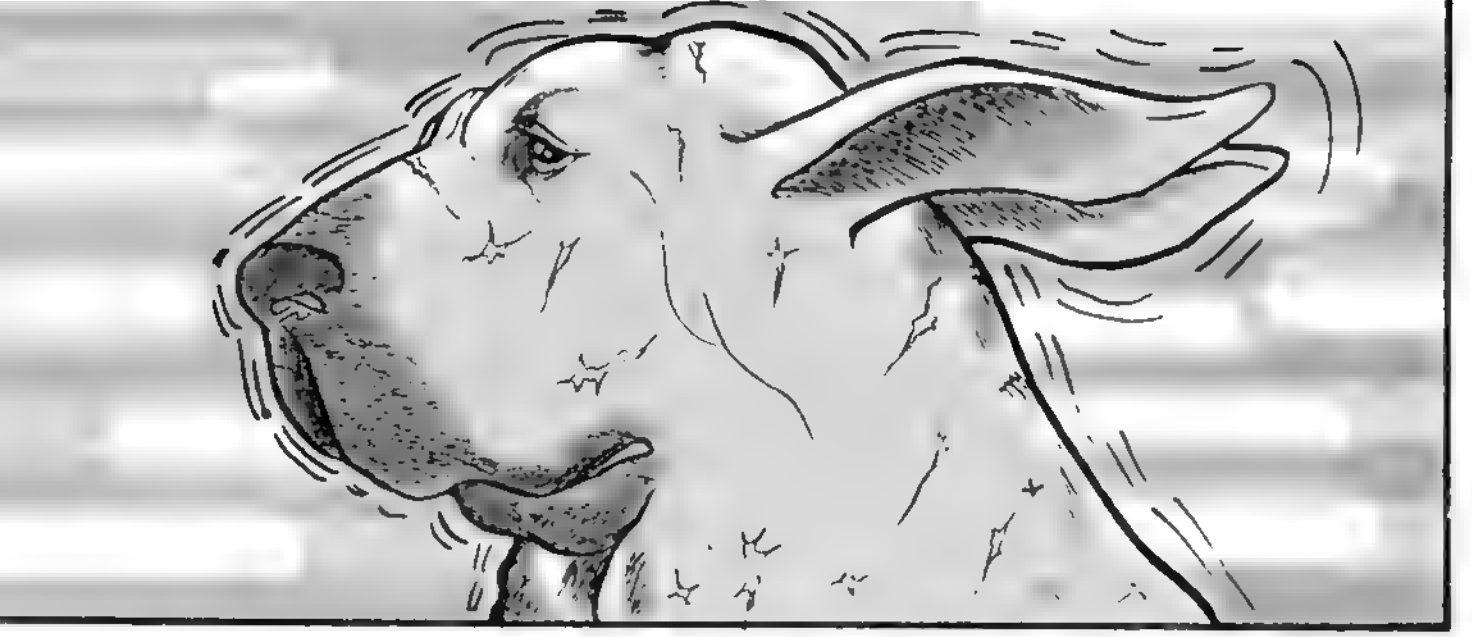
WHIFF





MUUU-
SAAA-
SHIIIII!





HUFF
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#12 Ask Baki!

!

OH NO, THE KETTLE.

TWEEEEEEEEEE

HUFF

HEE

HEE

HEE

MM... GRK!

YOU *ARE* A DOG, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD...

YOU... GOTTA RUN AT LEAST 30 KM.

OKAY, YOU...

...

TEE HEE...

GOOD MORNING.

HEH HEH...

STAMP

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE FOOD LAST NIGHT.

THAT'S *TEN!*

KHH...

NGH ...!

...

KREE...

BAGDA
BAGDA
BAGDA
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...
BAGDA
BAGDA
BAGDA
DR
DR
DR
DR
DR
DOOF

DOOF

SO...

TAK TAK TAK

SIP...

PLUNK...

...HOW DID BAKI RESPOND?

I'D BET THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY GOALS THAT HE CAN TALK ABOUT WITH OTHERS...

I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE, DEAR.

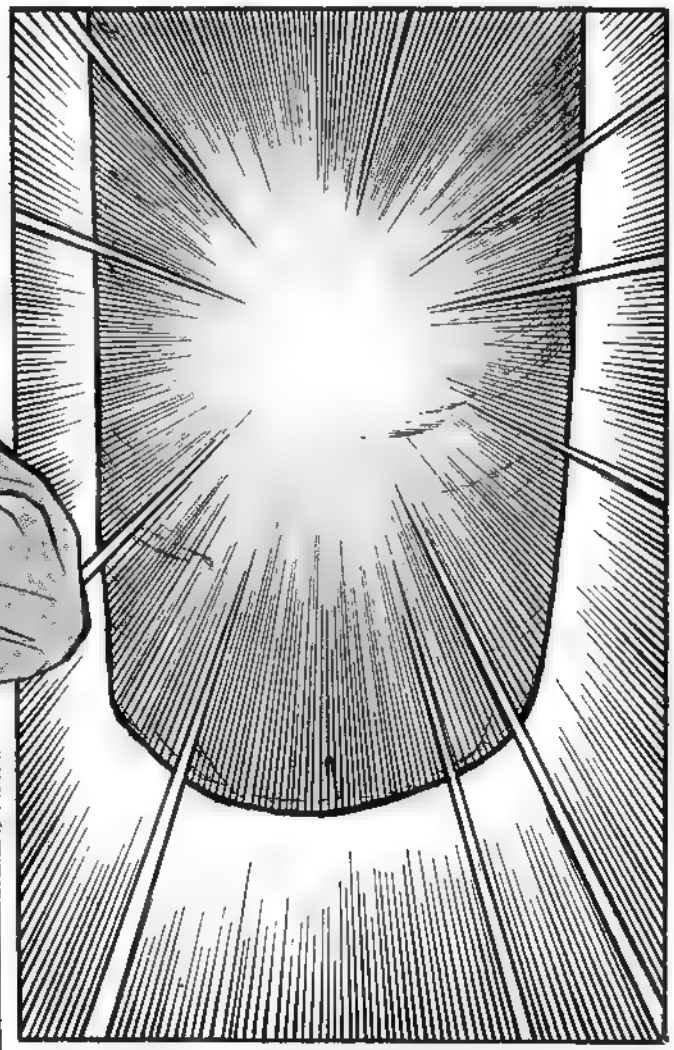
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I ASK, HE JUST RESPONDS WITH THAT GOOFY GRIN.

WITH *NADA.*

KA-DOOMF

BAM

SHA!



KA-DAM

BASH

KA-BAM

SHOOOOOM...

TM

KRA-KOW

OKAY! NOW...
ギシィ
KREE...
ギシィ
KREE...
...

BLUSH
BLUSH

K-
KOZUE!

W-W-WHAT
HAPPENED
...?!

KOZUE
!

KLOP

SOME
OKARA...

AND
MILK...

BLB

BLBB

KLOP

SOME
EGGS...

VHRR

VHRR

VHRR

VHRR

BAKI, PLEAA-AASE!

THAT GLIMPSE OF MY SHINY BODY GOT YOU PRETTY *EXCITED*, DIDN'T IT?

NO THANKS! NO THANKS!

AH... AH, AH...

ALRIGHT! I'LL SHARE MY SPECIAL DRINK WITH YOU TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU.

THAT QUESTION *AGAIN?*

OH MAN...

WELL, YOU NEVER ANSWER IT.

...AND AT NIGHT, YOU IGNORE YOUR SCHOOL WORK AND DO ALL THAT BUMPING AND THUMPING...

YOU'RE ALWAYS DOING ALL THAT STUFF BEFORE THE SUN IS UP EVERY MORNING...

SOMETIMES, I REALIZE YOU'RE GONE, AND THEN YOU COME BACK HOME ALL BRUISED UP...

OH... YOU COULD HEAR THAT?

OF COURSE I COULD HEAR IT!

HMMM. "WHAT ARE YOU WORKING TOWARDS?" THAT'S NOT EASY TO ANSWER, Y'KNOW.

...

HMMM...

HOW COULD YOU EXPECT ME *NOT* TO BE CURIOUS...

I WANT TO BE THE STRONGEST MAN ON EARTH... I GUESS.

...

WELL! TO PUT IT SIMPLY...

...

GULP...

...

I'M ASKING YOU A SERIOUS—

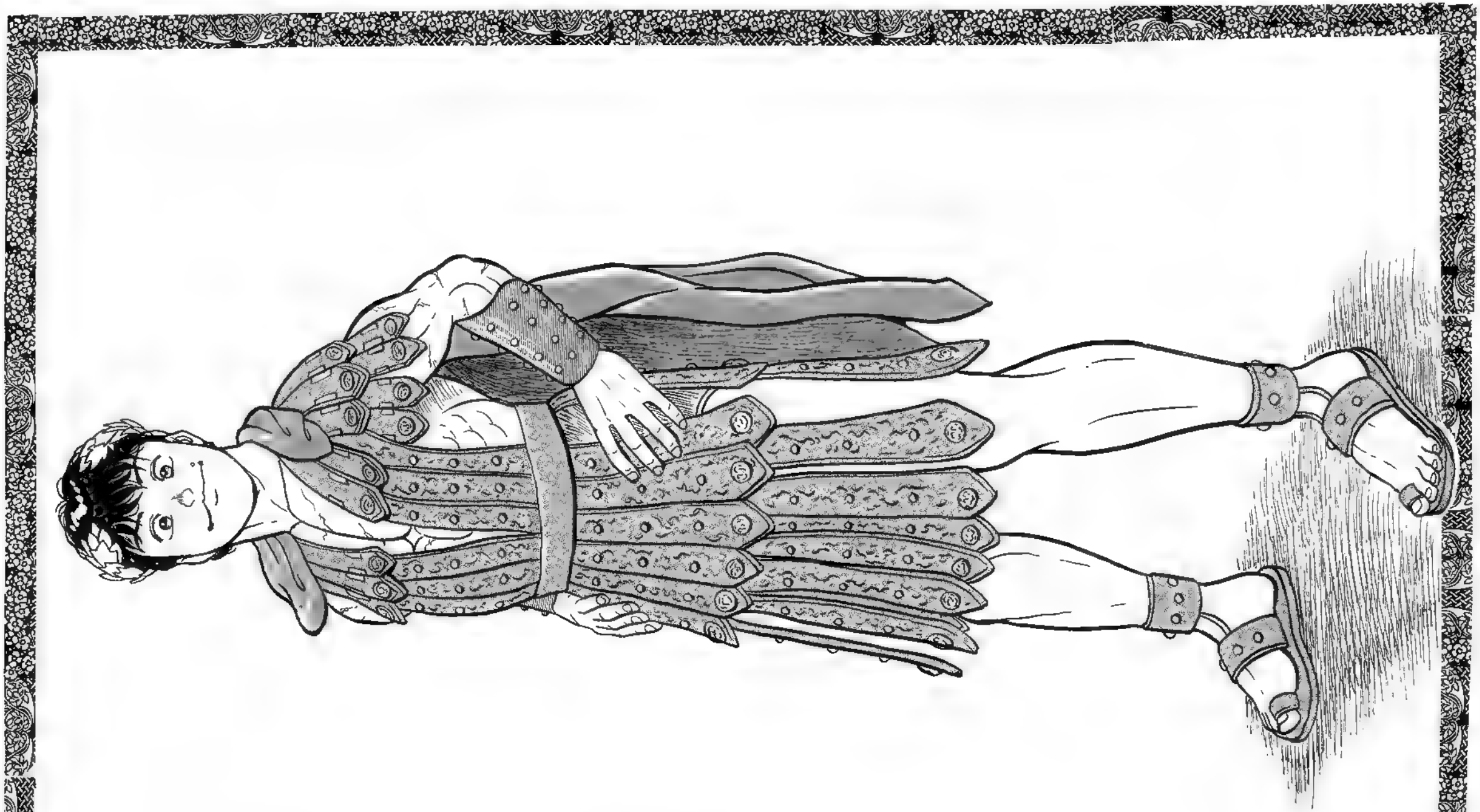
BAKI!

HEY THERE, BAKI.

...YOU'RE A KARATE CHAMPION?

SO, I HEARD...

I-IT'S MR. TAKAYAMA FROM THE BOXING CLUB...



#13 Heavyweight Boxer, Takayama

THEY SAID THAT YOU PUT ON A QUITE A SHOW OVER THERE.

SOME CLUB MEMBERS WENT TO SEE THE KARATE TOURNAMENT AT THE BUDOKAN.

THE STRONGEST GUYS KNOCKED EACH OTHER OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT AND WHATNOT...

YOU KNOW... I JUST LUCKED OUT WITH THE BRACKETS.

OH, NO, THAT WAS...

WELL...

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

BAKI...

BASICALLY, IT'S ALMOST LIKE I WON THE LOTTERY THREE YEARS IN A ROW!

THAT TOURNAMENT ISN'T THE TYPE YOU CAN WIN THROUGH LUCK ALONE.

AS A FIGHTER MYSELF, I ALSO RESPECT DIRECTOR OROCHI.

...IT'S MY FAULT FOR BEING SO CARELESS...

STILL...

...

AFTER ALL, I NEVER REALIZED THAT THERE WAS SUCH A SKILLED ATHLETE RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES THIS WHOLE TIME...

...THAT PROBABLY MEANS YOU WERE PUTTING A LOT OF EFFORT INTO HIDING YOUR TRUE SELF.

THEN AGAIN...

...SHUT?

HOW ABOUT YOU KEEP THAT MOUTH OF YOURS...

L-LET'S GET GOING, THEN.

BAKI, WE NEED TO GET GOING.

MATSU-MOTO.

S...

...SORRY.

...

...YOUR KARATE.

I WANT YOU TO SHOW ME...

NOW...

MIND MEETING ME IN THE CLUB-ROOM FOR A SEC?

HUH...?

TAKA-YAMA!

YOOO, KARATE CHAMP.

GOOD MORNING, SIR.

OH, IT'S YOU, COACH.

...HERE OF ALL PLACES?

WHAT ARE YA DOING...

W-WHA?

...

NOW, COACH...

THEY'RE BOTHERING THE OTHER STUDENTS, SO GO DEAL WITH 'EM.

YOUR *GUESTS* ARE HUDDLED AT THE FRONT GATE, LIKE USUAL.

WHOOSH

...ISN'T A GOOD LOOK, IS IT?

THE BOXING CLUB COACH SMOKING...

BAKI?

OKAY!

HEH HEH...

...

I'LL SEE YOU SOON...

HUMPH!

WHAT IF YOU GET HIT BY THE SHOT?!

HEY! DON'T GO OVER THE LINE!

OH... THE MONSTER KID FINALLY SHOWS.

I HEARD HE'S THE RECORD HOLDER FOR THE WHOLE TOKYO REGION.

APPARENTLY, THAT SHOT PUTTER THERE IS A FAMOUS ATHLETE TOO...

HE'S HERE!

GOOD!

BOOM

...

YOU ALL SURE DO GO THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE EVERY MORNING...

SNAP

SNAP

SNAP

YOU CAN'T JUST PASS US BY, TAKAYAMA.

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA...

C'MON!

OSU...

OH, PLEASE, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

OH? WHO'S THAT?

SNAP

SO, TELL US, DID MR. DUVA REALLY COME TO JAPAN TO SCOUT YOU?

...MR. RICHARD DUVA! C'MON!

THE CHIEF TRAINER OF THE CURRENT HEAVYWEIGHT UNIFIED CHAMPION, HARRY FIELD...

SO YOU'RE ADMITTING IT'S TRUE, RIGHT? ♡

MAN, WORD SURE TRAVELS FAST WITH ALL OF YOU.

OKAY, ALL OF YOU LISTEN...

HAH!

YOU'RE THE CREAM OF THE CROP! I DOUBT THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WILL JUST SIT AROUND NOW THAT THE AMERICANS ARE SCOUTING YOU.

A- ARE YOU SERIOUS, MR. TAKA-YAMA ?!

WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER SEE? ♡

...OR ME WITH *THAT* BELT— THE ONE THAT HASN'T MOVED FROM AMERICA IN THIRTY-THREE YEARS—AROUND MY WAIST...

ME STANDING ON THE WINNERS' PODIUM IN BARCELONA...

WOW, MR. TAKAYAMA SURE IS SOME-THING...

EVERY MORNING'S BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE HE WON WITH JUST FIRST-ROUND K.O.S AT THE ASIAN GAMES.

FLASH A PEACE SIGN FOR THE CAMERA!

...

OUCH. WHAT'S WITH YOU?

WHAP

WHAP

...

OSUUU!

LOOK THERE...
IT'S BAKI HANMA.
IT'S A WHAT? BULKY HAMMER?
THAT'S THE KID WHO WENT ON A RAMPAGE AT THE BUDOKAN YESTERDAY, BAKI HANMA!!!
THE MYSTERIOUS COMBAT KID...!
HIS IDENTITY IS EXPOSED !!!
DRRRR
HM...?

YOU SKIPPED THE AWARDS CEREMONY AND WENT MISSING !!!

WE FINALLY GOT YOU, HANMA!

...

SNAP WHEN YOU THROW! SNAP!

SO, DIDJA REALLY TAKE THAT PUNCH TO THE FACE ON PURPOSE?!

...

HEY, C'MON, TELL US! HOW'S THE BRUISE ON YOUR FACE DOIN'?!

YOU COULD PROBABLY HANDLE A PUNCH FROM *TYSON*, COULDN'T YOU?

YOU'RE PART OF THE KARATE CLUB, RIGHT?

WHICH TOURNEY ARE YOU GOING TO NEXT?

GOOD.
GOOD.

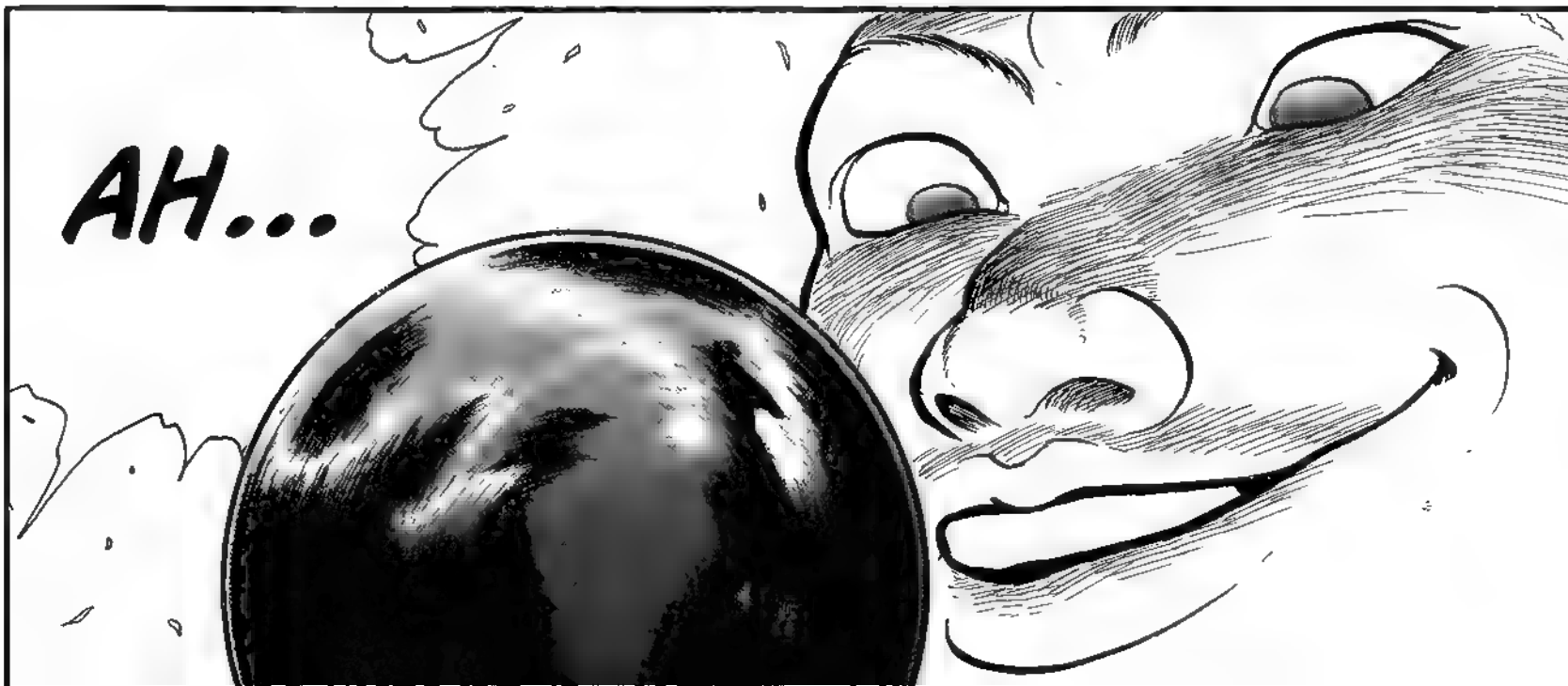
HUMPH!

HEADS UP! GET OUTTA THERE!

SWOOSH

OH NO! YOU IDIOT!

SQUASH-


AH...

A-
ARE YOU
OKAY?!

WHA?!

TMP
TMP

WHIP UP

KA SHANG

カシャン!!

...HOW ABOUT YOUR KICKS? WELL, *BAKI?*

THESE LITTLE SHOT PUT BALLS CAN'T COMPARE TO A HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER'S PUNCH...

THE GRAPPLER
BAKI
THE GRAPPLER

#14 Baki, Angry!

AFTER ALL, WE'RE BOTH ALL-JAPAN CHAMPS.

BOXING VERSUS KARATE.

I...

TO BE HONEST.

...I DON'T STAND A CHANCE.

...COVERING UP THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A TOP ATHLETE...

...!

SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO KEEP TRYING TO FOOL ALL OF US...!

YOU DON'T WANT TO EVEN GIVE IT A SHOT?

...AND SCOFF AT ALL OF US.

W-WELL, YOU GOT ME...

PERK

WE CAN DECIDE WHO'S THE BEST FIGHTER IN JAPAN AND ON CAMPUS.

AFTER SCHOOL...

...YOU'LL COME TO THE CLUBROOM, RIGHT?

Y-YEAH, SURE.

ピク PERK

ピク PERK

OoOoOoh!

HMPH.

ANSWER ME, BAKI.

ピク PERK

H...

OH...

HANMA IS SMILI—

THAT WAS OUR DEAL, AND I *WILL* HOLD YOU TO IT!

NO PRESS BEYOND THE FRONT GATE!

HEY, ALL OF YOU! YOU'RE CAUSING A RUCKUS!

OH, CRAP.

SIR!

HANMA.

OH, UM...

TAKAYAMA I GET, BUT WHY WERE THEY HOUNDING *YOU?*

HUH...?

I TOLD THEM HE'S MY BEST FRIEND, SIR.

YEAH, THAT'S IT.

I-I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL, SIR...

...HAVE A LOT OF ABSENCES.

YOU...

BAKI...

キーンコーン DIIIING DOOONG DIIIING

BOXING CLUB

Tone One's Mind and Body

AH... HELLO THERE...

OH... HANMA.
...

WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WHAT'S UP?
IRON MAN

G'AFTER-NOON!

YES, SIR...

...

TAKAYAMA DID?

MR. TAKAYAMA TOLD ME TO DROP BY...

COACH MIYATAKA, THIS IS YOU, ISN'T IT?

THAT'S A VERY *OLD* PHOTO.

WHOA, WHAT?

MM-HMM...

OKAY... THAT DOES IT.

WOOOW.

YEAH, TWENTY-FIVE LONG YEARS AGO.

YOU WERE IN THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET?

...DO YOU ALWAYS MOP THE FLOORS, COACH?

SO...

PRETTY MUCH. DON'T GOT MUCH ELSE TO DO...

AT THIS POINT...

KOO THUD

KOO THUD

...TEACH TAKAYAMA.

...THERE'S NOTHING ELSE THAT I CAN...

OH, I'LL BE FINE, SIR.

YOU'LL GET COVERED IN OIL.

Y-YOU DON'T HAFTA TO DO THAT.

Y-YOU ARE...?

I'M USED TO DOING MAINTENANCE ON GLOVES AND MITTS ANYWAY.

I'M TALKING ABOUT BASE-BALL GLOVES AND MITTS, OF COURSE...

AW, YOU THINK SO, SIR?

...YOU KNOW THAT, BAKI?

YOU'RE A GOOD KID...

MATCH-USE GLOVES HAD STUFFING THAT WAS CLUMPED UP LIKE *THIS*...

WE WORE SNEAKERS INSTEAD OF RING SHOES...

WAS IT REALLY THAT BAD BACK IN THE DAY?

HEH HEH.

WE WERE DESPERATE TO THIN OUT THE FISTS.

...AND PULLED THE COTTON TIGHT TOWARD THE WRIST.

THAT'S WHY WE DID THIS...

KA-DOOM

HELLO THERE...

...BAKI.

WELCOME...

GET HIM READY.

OSU!

WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING?

...HEY.

H...

JUST SOME LIGHT *SPARRING*, COACH.

WHIP

WHIP

S-SPAR...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE BY FACING AN AMATEUR?!

NO WAY!

...

SPLWCH...
COACH ...
YOU GOT OIL ON ME.
BAMF

THIS STUFF STINKS...

SH-
WMP

DON'T CALL THIS "SPARRING"! THAT'S LAME.

MR. TAKAYAMA!

CALL IT WHAT IT IS— A *REAL FIGHT! MAN TO MAN!*

IRON MAN

RAKIR
THE GRAPPLER
RAKIR
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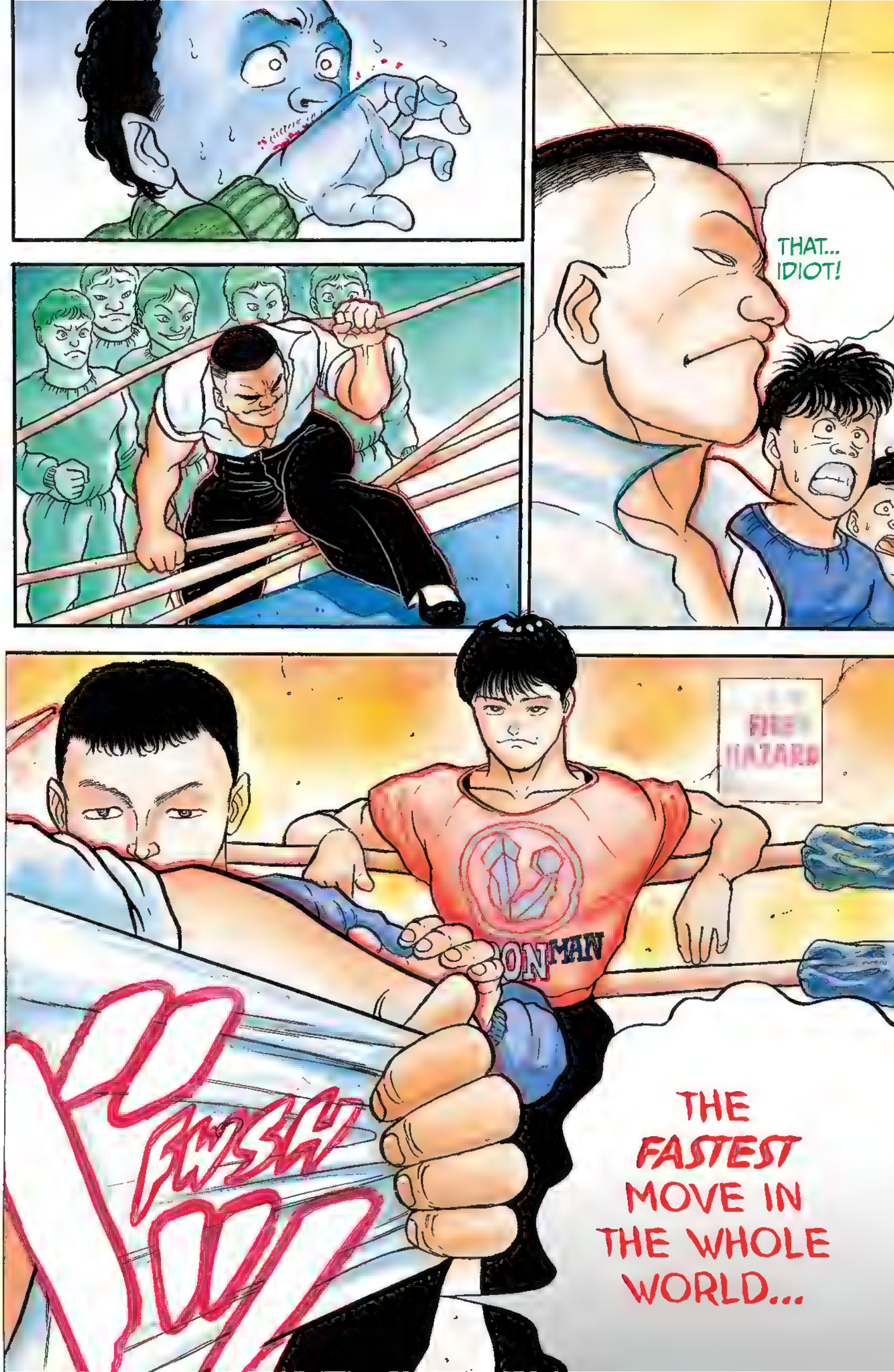
THE GRAPPLER

THE GRAPPLER
BAKI
THE GRAPPLER

#15 Clash: Baki vs. Takayama!

IF WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS, LET'S MAKE IT A REAL FIGHT!!!

IRON MAN


THAT... IDIOT!
FIRE HAZARD
ONMAN
FWSH
THE FASTEST MOVE IN THE WHOLE WORLD...

BAKI.

PING

PING

PING

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MOVE IS?

PUT 'EM UP...

HUH?!

HE'S NOT AS GOOD AS ME, BUT HE'S A TOP-CLASS FIGHTER.

THIS GUY'S THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WELTER-WEIGHT CHAMPION.

SHA

O-OSU!

...

P-PUT 'EM UP?

JUST REACT IF YOU CAN SEE THIS.

I WON'T HIT YOU.

SHW-WP WP

WERE YOU ABLE TO SEE THAT, BAKI?

FI
HAZ

IRON

HIS PUNCHES LOOKED LIKE FLASHES!

YOU CAN'T SEE HIS FISTS AT ALL BARE-HANDED!

THIS IS THE FASTEST MOVE IN ANY MARTIAL ART.

IT'S A MOVE THAT MAKES EVEN A FIGHTER OF THIS CALIBER FREEZE UP.

EVEN TOP-CLASS FIGHTERS...

...JUST HAVE TO ASSUME THAT THEY'LL GET HIT BY THIS ATTACK.

THE LEFT JAB.

RING THE BELL FOR ME...

WHAT ABOUT THE GLOVES?

H-HEY...

BAKI WANTED THIS TO BE A *REAL FIGHT.*

WEREN'T YOU LISTENING, COACH?

IRONMAN
STOOOOOOOOOP!!
S...
THERE, THERE.

...SURPASSES HUMAN REFLEXES!!!

MY BARE KNUCKLE LEFT JAB...

KA-WHAP

IRON MAN

SO THIS IS THE *FASTEST MOVE* IN MARTIAL ARTS?

YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE MOVING IN SLOW MOTION.

I-I CAN'T PULL FREE !!!

...

...

...

YOUR RIGHT HAND IS STILL FREE.

AREN'T YOU GOING TO PUNCH WITH THAT ONE?

OH? EVEN YOU CAN TELL, HUH?

HEH.

IRON MAN

TOTTER

KRCH

KRCH

EEP...

I'D SQUEEZE THIS FIST INTO PULP BEFORE YOU COULD REACH MY FACE WITH YOUR OTHER HAND...

GRK

KRCH

GRK

GRK

GRK

GRK

THERE ARE ENTIRE WORLDS OF MARTIAL ARTS THAT ARE BEYOND WHAT AN AMATEUR LIKE YOU CAN EVEN IMAGINE.

...

AT THIS RATE, IT'LL BE A DECADE BEFORE YOU CAN START ACTING LIKE A FULLY-FLEDGED FIGHTER.

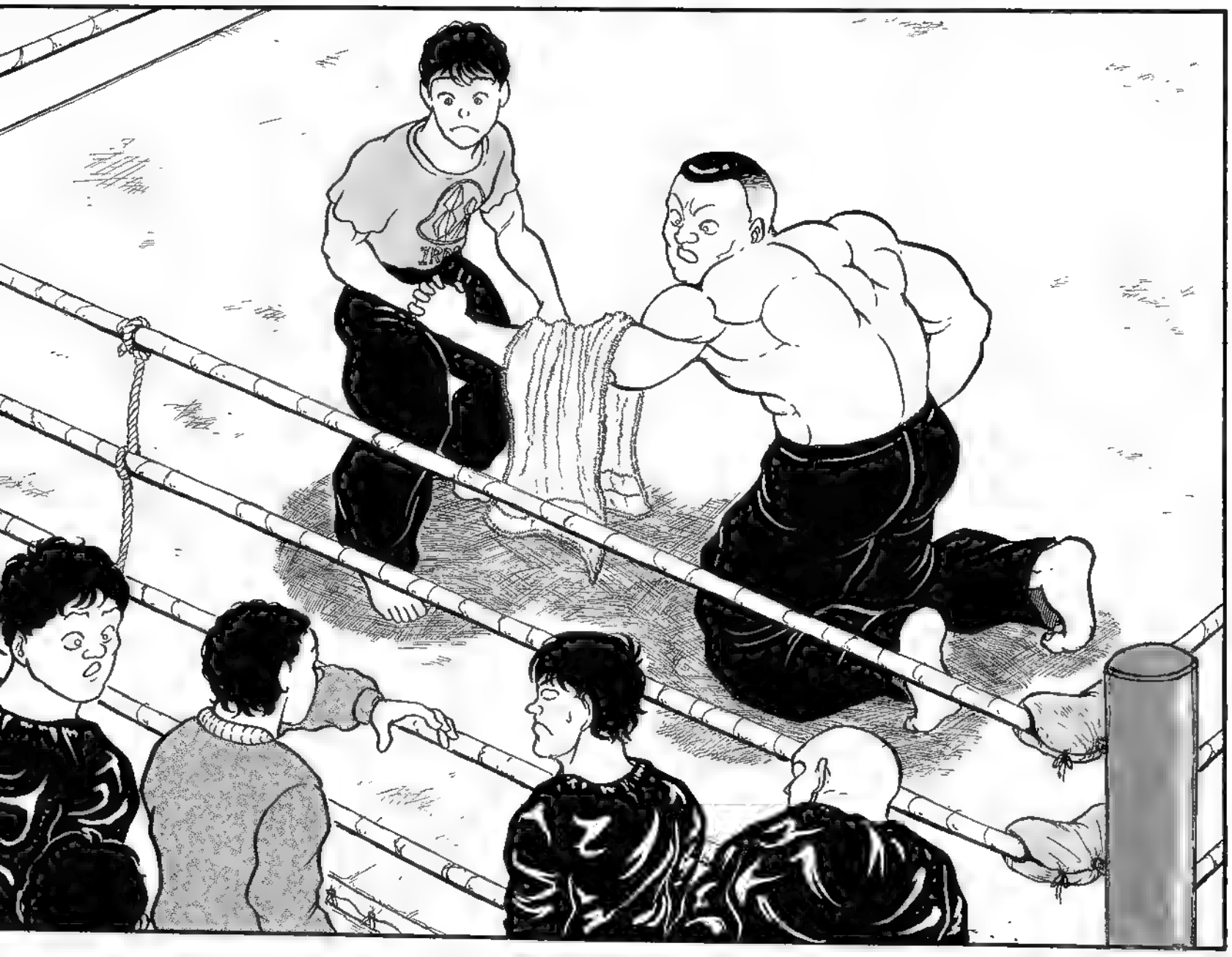
!!!

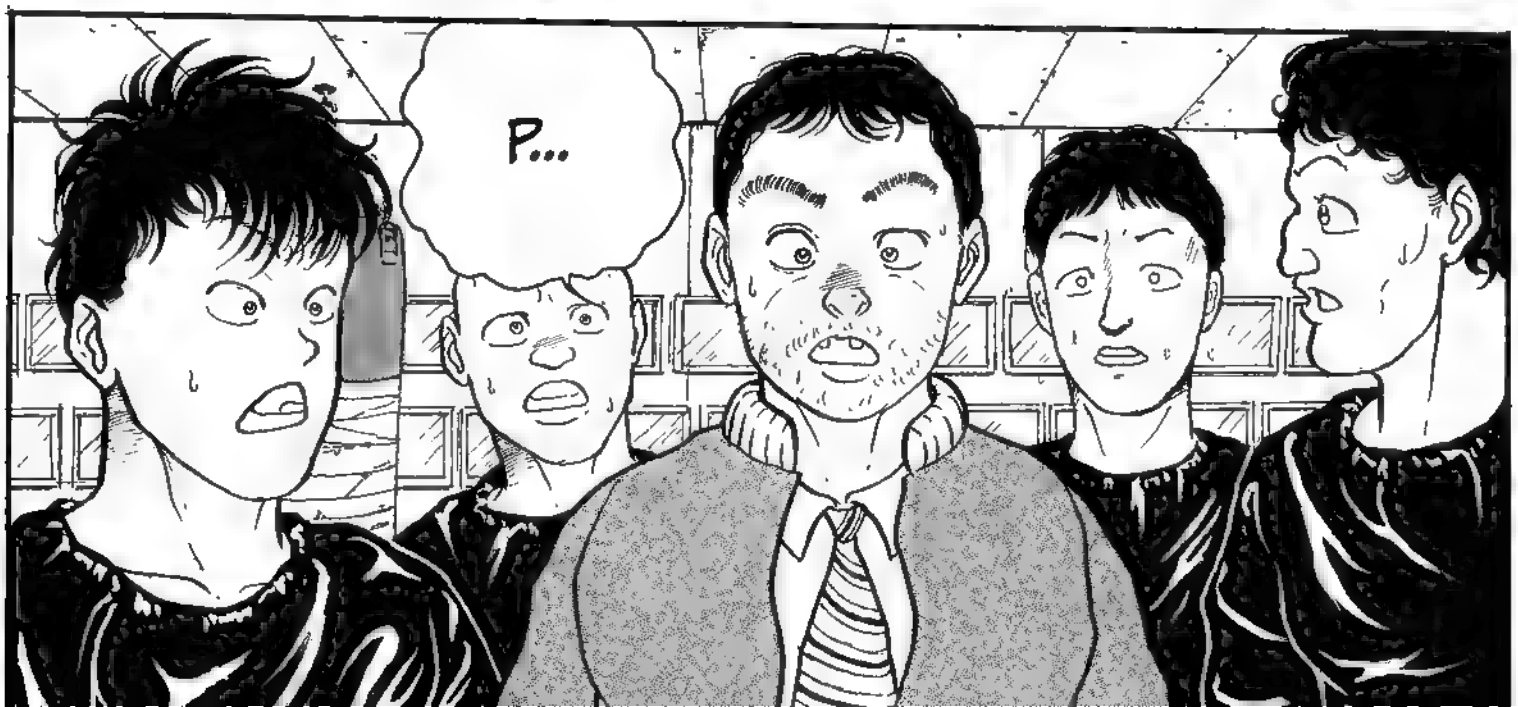
NOW, LET ME DISPOSE OF THIS FIST FOR YOU.

KRGH

...

WOOSH




P...

...FORGIVE HIM, BAKI.

PLEASE ...

...MAY BE AN IDIOT, BUT...

TAKA-YAMA...

HE IS MY... *DREAM...*

...BUT HE'S PART OF MY DREAM...

I KNOW YOU WENT THROUGH ALL THIS TO SAVE ME... AND I'M SORRY...

YOU'RE GOING TO USE THE MONEY FROM YOUR DEBUT MATCH TO COVER THE COST OF COACH'S NEW TEETH!

THEY'RE BACK AT IT AGAIN.

YOU HAVE TO LET US IN! PLEASE!

HUP! ♡

SKR

AH, THANKS!

I AM HERE TO PICK YOU UP, MR. GRAPPLER.

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